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Tennis Anyone? Town Set To Reopen Ag. Y Property July 15th

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

With the anticipated purchase of the 33-acre former Agawam YMCA property on Perry Lane from the Springfield Metropolitan YMCA by the Town of Agawam, Monday, July 7th for \$125,000, Parks and Recreation Director Jack Kunasek today announced that beginning Tuesday, July 15th through August 7th, tennis lessons will be offered there for beginners and advanced beginners.

Crews Will Begin Clean-Up

Kunasek said that as soon as the town purchases the property, his crews will immediately begin the clean-up at the site, which, to say the least, is a mess.

"We're working with limited funds and a lot of maintenance must be done to get the property back into shape," said Kunasek.

"The property has taken heavy vandalism to the buildings in the last few weeks. If kids are involved and we catch them, the parents will be held accountable."

Kunasek said the town's main goal for this summer is cleaning-up the property and refurbishing the tennis courts. He said the town will be applying for a federal grant to bring the property back to its hey-day when the once beautiful pool and pavilion were a beacon of town recreation.

"We are really shooting for fall and winter programs right now," said Kunasek. The big push will be for the spring and summer of 1987. If we can just clean-up the place and get the tennis courts in shape, then it will have been a good summer there."

The sale between the Springfield Y and the town culminates a two-year battle between the two that was begun by Agawam Attorney Rene Thomas and members of the former board of directors of the Agawam Y in 1984.

Begun in 1958 because townspeople saw the need for a recreational facility in the community, the 33-acre parcel, complete with buildings, swimming pool, tennis courts, and pavilion, was transferred to the Springfield Y in 1972 to further solidify the delivery of recreational services to townspeople.

The former Agawam Y board of directors was dissolved with the merger. However, 10 years later in 1982, the Springfield Y closed the Agawam branch because of what they claimed was a "lack of town support for the facility."

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EXCITED AGAWAM YOUNGSTERS are jubilant that the end of school has finally come and the Annual Summer Camp at Shea's Field has begun. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Summer Camps Open At Shea's

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

The town's traditional Summer Camp and Camp Rainbow held another successful opening day at Shea's Field, Monday, June 30th.

Sponsored by the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, the first contingent of campers arrived by bus, foot, and car about 9:00 a.m. The camp runs through August 15th. Fees are nominal and bus transportation is available for an additional charge. The two buses will pick-up children close to their homes and deliver them back at day's end.

Camp Rainbow, the town's special needs program during the summer months, is under the direction of Ted Tudryn. It meets Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Robinson Park School.

The Summer Camp at Shea's runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., daily, and is under the supervision of Gus Young, a junior high physical education teacher and schoolboy coach at Agawam High.

Both camps are open to children aged 6 to 15. Children can register for a two-week, three-week, or seven-week program.

The seven-week session runs from June 30th to August 15th; the three-week program starts July 28th and ends August 15th; and the two week sessions are

from July 7th to 18th, July 21st to August 1st, or August 4th to 15th.

According to Jack Kunasek, director of the Park and Recreation Department, the schedule of the camps are not regimented. "The summer camps are organized but not structured like school. This places some responsibility on the kids for their own fun," said Kunasek.

There are over 200 children participating in camp activities. Many kids are returning again this year after taking part in successful activities at Shea's Field in the past years.

Now in its fourth year at Shea's Field, Kunasek considers the summer agenda one of the best offered by his department.

A group of college-age camp counselors assist Young in the camp's operation.

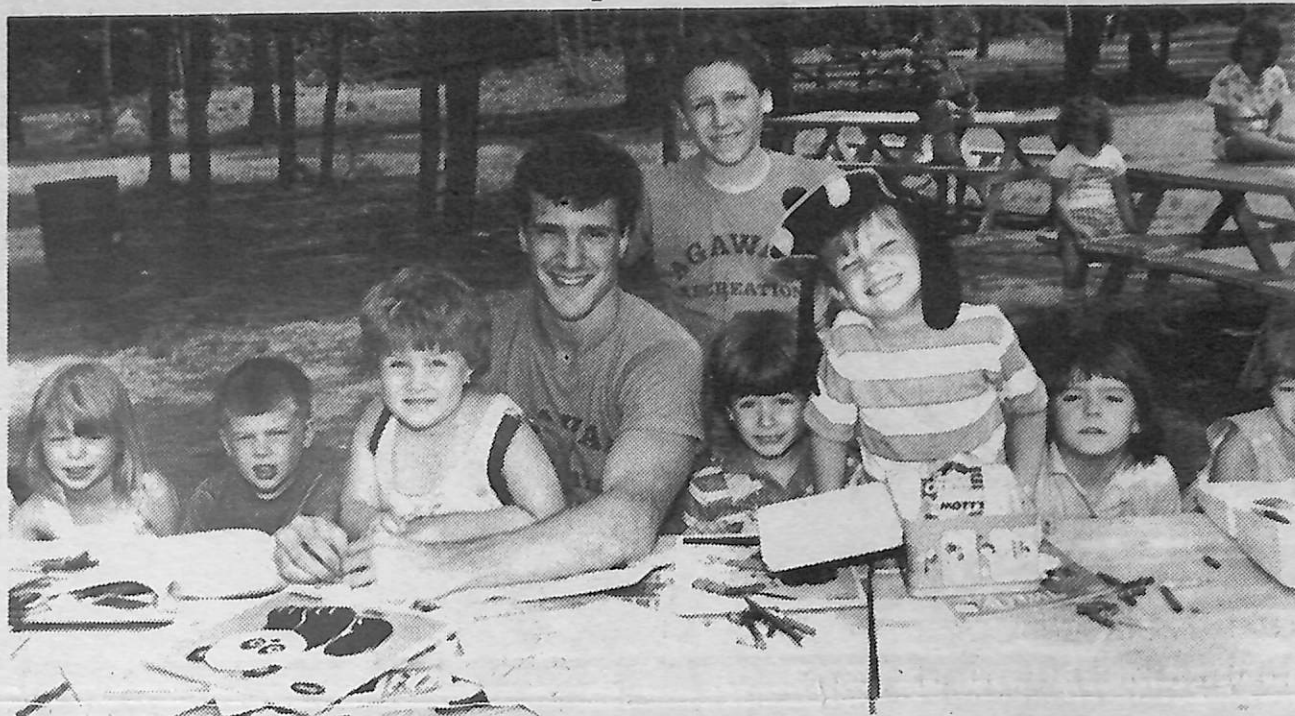
Activities include roller skating, tennis, arts and crafts, Lions Club picnic, field trips, and of course, swimming at the beautiful state pool just down the streets from Shea's Field.

The once-a-week field trips include Look Park in Northampton, the Basketball Hall of Fame, Springfield Museums, and the movies.

Food Booths Available For Town's Big 4th

Any charitable organization wishing to have a food booth at the Annual Town Picnic, Saturday, July 12th, at the Polish American Club, should immediately contact Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski at the station, 786-4767 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are still spaces available. Call right away.

The Boys' & Girls Of Summer Are Back...



THE ADVENT OF SUMMER means the start of the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department's Summer Camp at Shea's Field. Here, youngsters crowd around one of their camp counselors. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



JUST HANGING AROUND: The boys of summer are back at Shea's Field. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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In 1984, the facility was completely closed because of insolvency, said Springfield Y officials. In the meantime, the property began to deteriorate due to the lack of regular maintenance.

After the Springfield Y notified the town it had put the property on the seller's block for \$250,000, Thomas and his group filed a law suit against the Springfield Y. Thomas stated that title searches proved that 20 of the 33 acres were given to the Agawam Y by town residents, and that the donations were based on the land being used for recreational purposes only.

Thomas also noted that the former board of directors of the Agawam Y never intended for the property to be sold at a later date to a private buyer by the Springfield Y. Also, civic organizations and town fundraisers contributed money for improvements to the facility prior to the 1972 merger with the Springfield Y.

Recreational Use Only

"The Agawam Y board never intended for the land

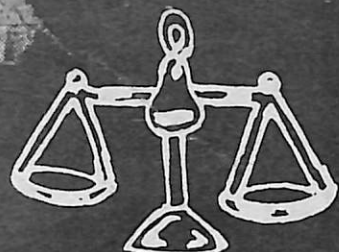
to be used for anything but recreational use," said Thomas. "There was no way townspeople would have donated the land and helped to improve the facility if they knew that someday the land would be closed to recreation and sold to private buyers."

Former Town Manager Katherine Pisano and former Town Councilor Peter Longo tried to negotiate purchase of the land with Springfield Y officials. When that failed, the town joined the law suit with Thomas' group.

Last march, Anthony C. Bonavita, the former town attorney, found common ground with Springfield Y officials and the sale agreement was hammered out. After the purchase price was settled, the terms of the sale stipulate the land must be used for recreational purposes for 10 years. If the town sells the property during that time, the Springfield Y will be reimbursed for a portion of the sale price.

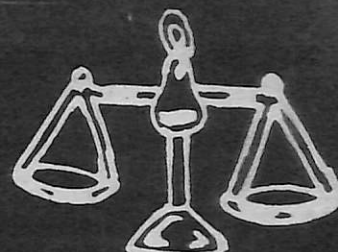
On April 22nd, by unanimous vote, the Agawam Town Council agreed to the purchase and accepted the \$125,000 in the recently passed municipal budget.

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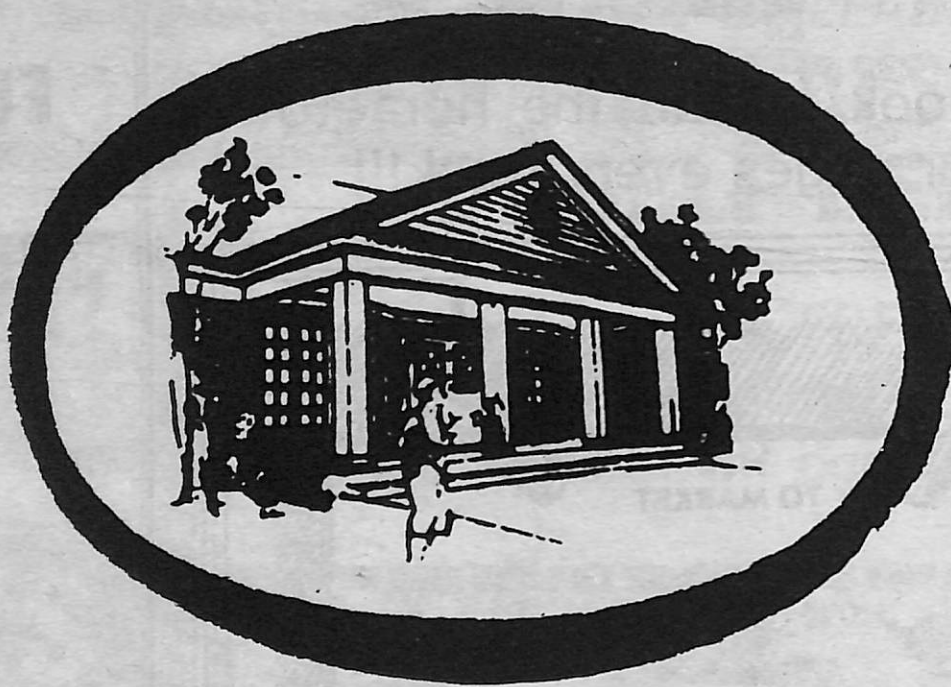
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Shriners To Lead Town's Big 4th

by Dale Fiske

Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Independence Day celebrations in the town will be kicked-off Saturday, July 12th, at noontime by a Melha Temple Shriners-led parade, including the entire contingent of Shriner Units.

The town's Annual July 4th Parade will start at the Peirce Building in Feeding Hills, and continue down Springfield Street to its final destination at the Polish American Club.

Once there, the Annual Town Picnic, followed that evening by a fireworks display at 9:00 p.m., will be held.

The parade starts at noontime. Floats are welcome. There will be a military flyover by the Air National Guard to start the parade.

Besides the Shriners, the Royal Columbian Drum Corps, Hampshire Rebels, Marine Corps Reserve, and National Guard will also participate.

Other units taking part in the parade include Riverside Park, Polish Club Women's Auxiliary, Agawam School Bands, Gordon Hays' Trick Horses, Agawam Public Library Storybook Characters, and others.

At the family picnic, two bands have been scheduled for your listening and dancing pleasure during the late afternoon and evening hours.

If your organization has not been contacted and you wish to participate in the parade, please call the Agawam Parks and Recreation Office, 786-0400, extension 456.

Town Councilor At-Large David Skolnick, who is on the Divan and Oriental Guide of the Springfield Melha Temple, will lead the parade through town.

The Shriners' small army of marchers will include favorites such as the mini-scooter and motor-cycle units, Hadji unit, and antique cars.

Shriners donate much of their time and energy for the worthy cause of helping crippled and burned children. All the proceeds from every fundraiser go to their hospitals, of which they are 22, as well as three

burn institutes.

The Shriners Hospital in Springfield is regionally known for its care of children from all over Western Mass. and parts of Connecticut.

Skolnick stressed that the funds collected from fundraisers allow Shriner hospitals to be available to all children under 18 years-old, free of charge.

In 1985, 17,691 new patients were treated at Shriners hospitals nationally. Of these admissions, 17,722,105 patient days were spent in an orthopedic hospital and 499,398 were records in the burn institutes. The average length of stay for orthopedic patients is 19 days, and 23 days for burn patients.

Skolnick explained that children who need help are flown in from all over the world, along with their parents or guardians, at the Shriners expense. Accommodations are also reserved for parents or guardians of children in the rooms of the hospitals designed for that use.

In the Shriners publication, *Melha Temple Shrine News*, edited by Skolnick, many heart-warming and courageous stories of families and their experiences in the Shriners hospitals are related.

Many of the kids, whose lives have been followed through the years, would not have had a chance without the help of this altruistic group. "The Shriners definitely make a big difference," said Skolnick.

On the weekend of September 19th and 20th, Shriners will be offering their publication for people to read some of the accounts of people they have aided and to acquaint the public with the many good works of the Melha Temple. A donation is welcome and the funds are used to offer assistance to those who do not have any place to turn.

"Support the Shriners and enjoy the town's Independence Day celebration July 12th, said Skolnick. Not only are we a philanthropic group, but we're very good showmen, too."

IRS Offering Exam For Special Service Group

The annual exam for those wishing to practice before the IRS has been set for the last week in September. "Individuals who wish to take the 1986 Internal Revenue Service Special Enrollment Examination must submit applications to the IRS postmarked no later than July 31st, 1986," announced John D. Johnson, district director of the IRS in Massachusetts. No extensions of time to file for the examination will be granted.

The examination is scheduled to take two days: Thursday and Friday, September 25th and 26th, 1986. It is given annually in each IRS district to individuals who wish to apply for enrollment to practice before the IRS.

The application fee is \$50 for those taking all four parts of the examination, and \$40 for prior year examinees taking fewer than four parts. All checks and money orders must be made payable to the Internal Revenue Service.

Those interested in taking the examination should obtain the Special Enrollment Examination Application Packet from their local IRS district office in Springfield.

The packet includes materials on the requirements for enrollment and for taking the examination. The examination will include true or false, multiple choice, and problem-type questions that require some computations.

Included in the packet are Form 2587, "Application for Special Enrollment Examination;" Publication 486, "Requirements for IRS Enrollment and Special Enrollment;" Publication 693, "Questions and Answers - 1986 Special Enrollment Examination - Sample Booklet;" Treasury Department Circular No. 230, "Regulations Governing the Practice of Attorneys, Certified Public Accountants, Enrolled Agents, Enrolled Actuaries and Appraisers before the Internal Revenue Service," and Publication 1140, "Special Enrollment Examination Background Material for Applicants."

Also, Publication 1183, "Rules For Tax Return Preparers;" and Form 4190A, a special order form for requesting Special Enrollment Examination Study Materials.

The Special Enrollment Examination Application Packet can be ordered by writing JFK Post Office Box 9096, Boston, Massachusetts, 02203, Attention: Special Enrollment Examination Coordinator, or by calling 523-1040 in Boston, or toll-free, 1-800-424-1040.

55 Speed Limit Strictly Enforced This Holiday

The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, anticipating heavy traffic over the July 4th holiday, issued a warning to motorists that the 55-mile per hour speed limit and the enforcement of the drunk driving laws will be rigidly enforced along its 135-mile roadway.

Chairman John T. Driscoll said, "State police from Troop 'E,' which patrol the turnpike, will augment regular radar teams in order to discourage excessive speeding."

In addition, radio-equipped emergency service patrol vehicles will assist police in locating and assisting motorists in disabled vehicles. A full force of toll collectors will be at all interchanges across the Commonwealth.


Driscoll urged motorists to have the correct change at the interchanges so that it will help to speed up delays that may occur due to the heavy holiday traffic.

Driscoll also said, "Service stations and restaurants along the turnpike will be opened 24 hours a day."

Driscoll added, "It has been proven that compliance with the 55-mile per hour speed limit saves gas, but equally important, has reduced fatalities along our nation's highways."

"It is important during this holiday that all motorists, without exception, limit their speed to this legal limit. We are determined to enforce this law. In doing so, we will achieve a safer holiday for all," Driscoll concluded.

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Agawam Obituaries

Robert H. Menard

Agawam: Robert H. Menard, 67, of 92 Sylvan Lane in the Feeding Hills section, a retired machinist at the former Gilbert & Barker Manufacturing Company, died Saturday, June 28th, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. He previously worked at the old Indian Motorcycle Company, the former American Bosch plant, both in Springfield, and Hayden Wire Inc., West Springfield. A lifelong resident of Agawam, he was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 185. He leaves two brothers, Raymond E. of Huntington and Lawrence E. of Westminster, Vermont, and two sisters, Lydia Pearsall and Leona Flannery, both of Agawam. The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in St. Thomas the Apostle Church with burial in the parish cemetery, all of West Springfield.

Frank H. Jenks

Agawam: Frank H. Jenks, 81, of 21 James Street, Feeding Hills section, a retired 17-year worker at Hamilton Standard, died recently in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He retired in 1970. He was a lifelong resident of Feeding Hills. He previously worked for 20 years in chemical sales for the Hercules Powder Company. He was a member of Agawam Methodist Church. He was a member of the St. Paul Masonic Lodge 14 of Newport, Rhode Island, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the American Rabbit Breeders Association. He worked many years with members of 4-H Clubs in the field of rabbit breeding. He is survived by his widow, Esther (Wilson) Jenks; two sons, Gordon W. & David W., both of Westfield; a sister, Cassie Davis of West Springfield; and three grandchildren. The funeral was held Monday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Jessie A. Johnson

Agawam: Jessie A. (Mashburn) Johnson, 94, of 95 Carr Avenue, died recently at home. Born in Buffalo, Missouri, she lived in Leverett for 30 years and Agawam for 20. She was a member of the Agawam Baptist Church. Her husband, Fred Johnson, died in 1961. She leaves three sisters, Fay McWilliams, Elizabeth Walker, and Alma Decker, all in Colorado; two granddaughters, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral and burial were at the convenience of the family. The Colonial Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, Hampden, Massachusetts.

John M. Piecuch

Agawam: John M. Piecuch, 80, of 31 Simpson Circle, a retired 15-year meter reader for Western Massachusetts Electric Company, died Thursday, June 26th, in Holyoke Soldiers' Home. He retired in 1971.

Born in Wilbraham, he had lived in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield before moving to Agawam 32 years ago.

He served in the Navy from 1922 to 1953, much of the time on destroyers. He retired as a chief petty officer.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He is survived by four brothers, Stanley of Ludlow, Peter of Red Water, Texas, Frank of Chicopee and Lewis of Ludlow, and four sisters, Lottie Shader of Indian Orchard, Mary Wolak of New Britain, Connecticut, Julia Piecuch of Green Cove Springs, Florida, and Angela Larson of Springfield.

The funeral was Monday morning at Agawam Funeral Home with services in St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Lorenza M. Provost

Agawam: Lorenza M. (Beauchane) Provost, 71, of 272 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, died recently in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. She was a lifelong resident of Agawam, and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. She leaves her husband, Alfred M. Provost; a son, Laurence A. of Charlotte, North Carolina; a daughter, Juliann M. Provost of Agawam; a brother, George Beauchane of Agawam; two sisters, Verna E. Plante of Springfield and Thelma White of Agawam, and three grandchildren. The funeral was at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Agawam, and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Edmund M. Sharples

Agawam: Edmund M. Sharples, 77, of 170 Meadowbrook Road, a 40-year machinist at Pratt &

Whitney division of United Technologies, East Hartford, died recently in Newport Hospital, Newport, Rhode Island. Born in Fall River, he had lived in Hampden most of his life and in Springfield four years before moving to Agawam in May. He retired in 1970. He was a member of the Machinist Union at Pratt & Whitney and a communicant of St. Mary's Church, Hampden. He leaves his wife, the former Catherine Banium; a son, Charles P. of Agawam; a brother, Robert of Fall River; a sister, Ruth Jensen of California; and two grandchildren. The funeral was Friday morning at the Hafey East Longmeadow Chapels and in the church with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Springfield.

Ada K. Sadler

Agawam: Ada K. (Batchelder) Sadler, 82, of Feeding Hills section, a former teacher in Ludlow and West Springfield schools, died Wednesday, June 25th, in Noble Hospital, Westfield.

She had also been a substitute teacher in Holyoke and Northampton schools.

Born in Watertown, she had lived in Agawam 45 years.

She was a 1921 graduate of South Hadley High School and attended Fitchburg State College.

During World War II, she worked at American Bosch, later a division of United Technologies, and later at Hermann Bosbach Dry Cleaners.

She had also worked as a nursing assistant for Upjohn Health Services and as a nurse's assistant for private duty patients.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church and a former member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Springfield.

She leaves two sons, Floyd R. Peeso of Belchertown, and James M. Liamis of Agawam; a daughter, Gail Peeso Bates of Agawam; a brother, Richard of Tilton, New Hampshire; three sisters, Susan Batchelder of Henderson, North Carolina, Lelia Slayton of Laconia, New Hampshire, Sherly Boyd of Old Chatham, New York; nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Agawam, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Audubon Society, Laughing Brook Education Center, 789 Main Street, Hampden, Massachusetts 01036.

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On Local Politics...

Despite Caba's Position On Captains, Peirce School, Police Dept. Will Strive Forward

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Regardless of what former Town Manager and present Town Councilor Edward A. Caba may be feeding the public, the fact remains the Agawam Police Department needs police captains.

In one of the fastest growing communities in all of New England, it remains remarkable that the Agawam Police Department has no real chain of command. There's the chief of police, seven sergeants, and then the regulars.

For a modern police department, the department's staffing is living in the past. Period.

As chairman of the council's subcommittee on the Police Department budget, Caba repeatedly voiced strong opposition against the two police captains that were subsequently passed, overwhelmingly, when the council accepted the municipal budget.

It is common knowledge among councilors, as well as political insiders, that Caba's dissent on the police captains is rooted more in personality clashes than with rational administrative judgement.

It's more than obvious that with two captains conducting day-to-day administrative work and supervision, it would free the sergeants for street duty, leading to increased coverage in the neighborhoods and increased visibility.

Although I find it distasteful at times to compare Agawam with sister communities when attempting to strengthen a particular point of view, it becomes quite apparent that the current staffing situation puts Agawam years behind its neighbors.

Where will the captains come from? There now exists a pool of seven sergeants. These are highly-qualified men who would be more than capable of assuming more authority and responsibilities within the department.

Actually, the issue should be rather cut and dry, although Caba has attempted to turn it into a political one.

Caba's record on major police issues has remained consistent since taking office. He voted against the renovation and relocation of police into the Peirce

Building at a cost of about \$673,000.

He said the project cost too much money and the Peirce site was not a good one, although it is very close to the geographical center of town, as well as being in closer proximity to Feeding Hills - an area of town that is experiencing remarkable growth.

Caba's contention about money is rather amusing. When he was town manager, he signed a contract with an architect for a town complex that would cost \$8 million (probably more like \$10 million now). The police would be located there.

The present Town Hall is certainly more than an acceptable building from where town officials can conduct the affairs of Agawam government. Police, on the other hand, are trying to protect the town from a cramped basement in the building, and are storing important records in tomato crates due to a complete lack of space.

For \$673,000, police can relocate their full operation to Peirce. Moreover, police are being joined by the town's civil service unit to run an emergency center. The Peirce Building is structurally sound. To build a town complex at this time just doesn't make sense.

What also didn't make sense was the fact that when Caba signed the contract with the architect for the new town complex, he never told anyone (none that I could find). It was only after former Town Manager Katherine Pisano assumed the job that the contract was discovered - it seems that the people who were going to be footing the bill for this architectural contract, the taxpayers, were not supposed to be privy to it before Mrs. Pisano came along.

Caba did say during the captain's debate that the Agawam Police Department may be a good one, and in the end, he just may change his mind about the captains (or possibly support just one captain, which is the latest behind-the-scenes proposal to be circulating).

However, in the end, it's the taxpaying citizens who will benefit from the modernization of the Agawam Police Department - two captains working in a much larger and renovated police station at Peirce School.

Local Chambers Plan Annual Outing

Several hundred members of the business community are expected to attend the 1986 Annual Summer Outing of the Agawam, East Longmeadow, Greater Springfield, Ludlow, and West Springfield Chambers of Commerce, Wednesday, July 16th, at Riverside Park.

According to outing chairman Jack E. Briggs, New England Telephone Company, the event will feature a 350th birthday party theme in honor of Springfield's anniversary, with entertainment, sports, games, and two all-you-can-eat buffets.

Reduced rate tickets for Riverside rides and amusements will be available at the outing as a bonus for attendees.

The traditional inter-chamber softball championship will be played among teams representing the affiliate Chambers.

Golf chipping and egg toss contests will be held during the late afternoon and early evening. Special high-value gifts donated by area companies will be drawn as door prizes at 8:00 p.m.

Two buffets will be served, the first from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., and the second from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Convenient parking nearest to Riverside's main gate will be reserved for outing attendees.

Tickets are \$23.50 per person before July 15th, \$24.50 thereafter. Reservations may be made by calling the chamber office, 787-1555.

The 1986 Annual Outing is being planned under the direction of Jack E. Briggs, New England Telephone Company, and Vice Chairwoman Joan M. Ackerman, Bank of New England West.

Assisting Briggs and Ms. Ackerman are: Donald A. Anderson, BayBank Valley Trust Company; Richard Bellico, Community Savings Bank; James F. Brown, Controlled Environment; Stephen Corbett, Mercy Hospital; Cameron Daley, Sheraton Inn-Springfield West; R. Earl Hermance, Westvaco-USEnvelope Division; Rollie Jacobs, Swis Auto Glass; Margaret C. McNeill, Riverdale Gardens Nursing Center; Nancy J. Miller, Prudential; Cathy-Ann Paige, Manpower, Dr. Jack B. Savoia; and Stephen Spinelli, Jiffy Lube.

Westbank Corporation Votes Stock Dividend

The Board of Directors of Westbank Corporation (Park West Bank and Trust Company) voted a regular quarterly stock dividend of \$.14 per share, as adjusted by the 2½ for one split, to stockholders of record as of June 30th, 1986, payable July 21st.

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Park Westbank To Assume Chicopee Bank

Theodore P. Kosior, president and chief executive officer of Westbank Corporation, a bank holding company, and Gino E. Maggi, president of Chicopee Co-Operative Bank, announced today that a proposed affiliation between them has been approved in principle by their Boards of Directors.

Under the preliminary agreement, Chicopee Co-Operative Bank would become an independent subsidiary of Westbank Corporation. Chicopee Co-Operative Bank stockholders would receive shares of

the common stock of Westbank Corporation in exchange for their Chicopee Co-Operative Bank shares worth \$19.47 per share at current market levels, or a total of \$5,879,000.

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DA's Office To Start Program For Elderly

Hampden County's elderly will be the first and sole such old-age group in the state to receive specialized criminal-justice services under an experimental program announced today by Hampden County District Attorney Matthew J. Ryan Jr.

Ryan said the nearly \$80,000 grant has been awarded from the federal Victim-Witness Funds. Ryan credited Victim-Witness Director Eleanor Cress with developing the grant proposal.

The grant would be used to hire advocates to deal exclusively and directly with any of the county's 81,000 elderly who may become victims of crime.

The grant would supplement an existing crime prevention program in which district attorney staff speak to elderly organizations about crime prevention, as well as existing specialized laws to prosecute those who prey upon the elderly, Ryan said.

Also announced was an increase in the District Attorney's general victim witness funds of \$30,000. Ryan expects to receive \$198,000 in victim-witness funds in the next year.

"Victims thrown into the criminal justice system find the prospect of talking with police, appearing before grand juries, and testifying before judges, intimidating, as well they should," Ryan said.

"This intimidation puts the victim at a disadvantage with the hardened criminal, who has been through it all before. What we hope to do with this grant is even the odds a little bit."

Victim-Witness staffs throughout the state are financed by fines levied upon all defendants convicted of crimes. The \$15 fee for misdemeanors and \$25 for felonies is put into a state pool, and distributed once a year. The fines are permitted under the 1983 Victim Rights Bill.

There is similar federal source of Victim-Witness Funding, from which the elderly program will be

financed.

Today's announcement marks the second specialized program for victims in Hampden County.

Last year, Ryan instituted staff positions to assist victims of child abuse. That program was further supplemented when the U.S. Department of Justice announced it had selected Hampden County as one of six sites to develop a model for prosecution of child abuse cases.

As with the child abuse unit, Ryan said the Elder Abuse Unit would work closely with state and local police to make more successful prosecution of crimes against the elderly.

Coordinator of the Elder Unit would work with police departments, elderly protective service agencies, crime prevention programs, Golden Age Club, and Councils on Aging in each community to develop better statistics and programs to serve the elderly, according to Mrs. Cress.

Staff members of the unit would work with elderly victims of crime to assist them as they work their way through the criminal justice system.

Mrs. Cress said need for the Elderly Abuse Unit has become increasingly apparent with the rapid growth of the county's elderly and recent changes in the criminal law.

Since 1970, Hampden County's elderly population over 60-years-old has increased from 11 percent of the county's total population to 18.4 percent.

Mrs. Cress said she obtained her information from U.S. Census data.

Mrs. Cress said there are no accurate statistics of how many elderly are actual victims of crime. However, based upon the county's average criminal activity, Mrs. Cress estimated the number of elderly victims at 3,942 throughout the county.

Providence Hospital Extends Visiting Hours

Providence Hospital is extending visiting hours on patient floors to 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., effective July 1st, according to an announcement made today by Vicki M. Schofield, R.N., vice president/nursing at the hospital.

In addition to the new, longer visiting hours, there will be a new receptionist desk in the newly-renovated lobby of the hospital, so that visitors can ask questions, get directions, and also be issued passes for their visit.

The new hours do not affect visiting hours in the hospital's Family Birthplace. Those hours remain the same, 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., for family members, such as grandparents and siblings, and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., for the general public. Fathers are not restricted at all on the Family Birthplace.

Ms. Schofield said, "We are changing the general visiting hours in response to numerous requests from family members and friends. We believe that these new hours will make the hospital stay at Providence more pleasant for the patient and more convenient for the visitors."

The receptionist desk will be staffed by volunteers and by hospital staff persons.

Parking for visitors is in the front parking lots of the hospital.

The new hours will be evaluated at the end of the summer to determine if they will be continued, Ms. Schofield said.

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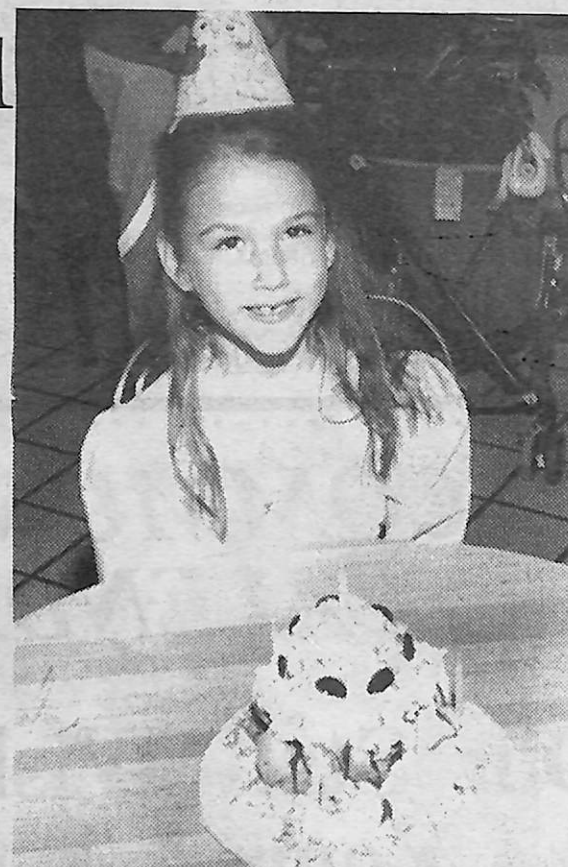
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Suzanne Renee Poirier Weds Mr. Paul F. Hastings

Suzanne Renee Poirier and Paul F. Hastings were married May 24th, in St. Theresa's Church of Agawam. Reverend Albert Breton officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. John Poirier of Fox Farms Road, Feeding Hills, and the groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Philip Hastings of High Street, West Springfield.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Mrs. Andrea Miller, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Debra Atkinson, Grace Narreau, Claire Barry, and Cynthia Holman.

Philip Hastings, brother of the groom, served as best man. Ushers were Steven Hastings, Charles Hastings, Michael Duncan, and Stephen Sullivan.

Following a wedding reception at Chez Josef, Agawam, the couple honeymooned on a Caribbean cruise.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School. She is employed as a commercial account representative at Field, Eddy & Bulkley, Springfield.

The groom is a graduate of West Springfield High School. He is employed as service manager at Ideal Typewriter Exchange of Springfield.

The couple will reside in West Springfield.



BROTHER LAWRENCE P. DUNN, M.I.C., of the Congregation of the Marians, is a summer intern at St. John's Church. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

Brother Lawrence Joins St. John's Parish

Reverend Karl Huller, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam, announced the appointment of Brother Lawrence P. Dunn, M.I.C., of the Congregation of Marians as a summer intern at St. John's Church in Agawam.

Brother Larry, who is currently a fourth year seminarian at Pope John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, will be ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood next year.

The appointment of Brother Larry to St. John's coincides with Father Huller's announcement of a parish-wide census during the summer months of this year.

Father Huller stated, "We're most happy to have Brother Larry with us for the summer months as a pastoral intern who is directly preparing for ordination to the priesthood. While Brother Larry will be involved in all phases of parish life and worship, his primary responsibility will be to visit as many homes in our parish as possible."

"It will be through this door-to-door census visitation that good and current information concerning the needs of our parishioners will be obtained. Thus, St. John's Parish will be better able to meet the multitude of current personal needs, and serve more effectively as a spiritual home and family for all our parish members," Father Huller concluded.

To assist parishioners in preparing for the census canvas of the 1,850 households within St. John the Evangelist Parish, a letter and sample census form has been sent to every home within the parish.

Parishioners are asked to fill-in this form and have it ready for Brother Larry when he personally calls on them at their homes.

Other staff members of St. John's will be assisting in this parish census, and individual parishioners with special census concerns are asked to call the parish office, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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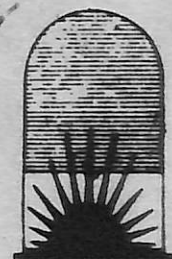
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Strawberry Supper At Valley Community Church



AT THE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, Dianne Cox and Carol Taylor (right) are about to begin serving the delicious strawberry shortcake at the recent Strawberry Supper in the church hall. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



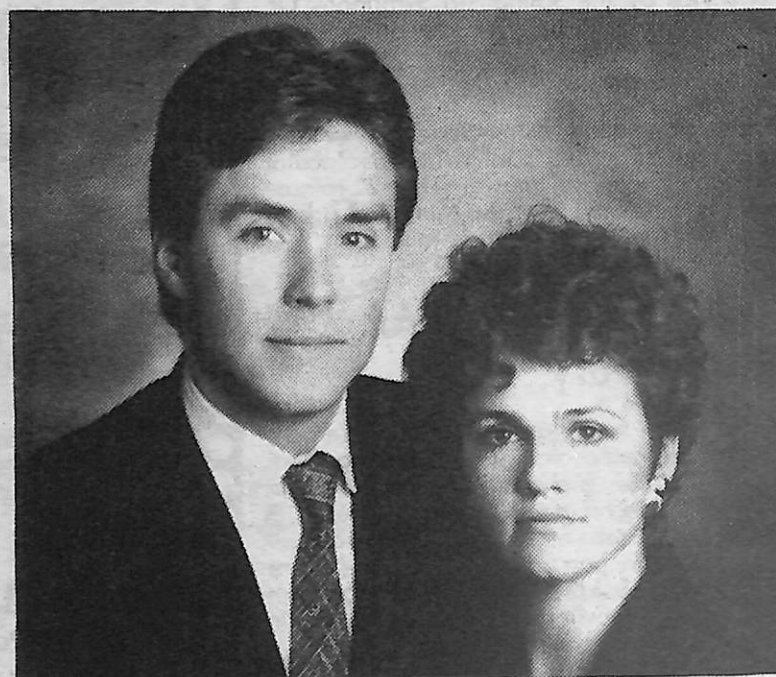
EVELYN VINCELETTE and ELIZABETH KOPY of Valley Community Church were on hand to sell hand-made items during the church's Annual Strawberry Supper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MARY GATES and DEVON GODA have just completed a fine meal at the Valley Community Church and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their strawberry shortcake at the Annual Strawberry Supper.

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Springfield Invites Agawam Residents To Big Fourth Party

Springfield's 350th Birthday "Big Fourth Celebration" kicks-off a series of free family concerts, plays, and events for the entire "Summer of 350." This year's "Big Fourth Festival" features free major entertainment, including the U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors, The Temptations, The Springfield Symphony Orchestra, and Fireworks.

The three-day, family-oriented Big Fourth Festival, presented by The Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, begins Wednesday, July 2nd, and ends with a dazzling display of fireworks July 4th.

In addition to major entertainment and children's events, festival-goers will enjoy a variety of ethnic foods sold at Court Square. Tacos, spareribs, pizza, fried dough, hot dogs, hamburgers, Jamaica beef patties, ice cream, and more will be sold by Casa de Nana, The Family Kitchen, Friendly's, The Captain's Place, First Church, The Marriott, WHYN, Spud's, and McGoo's.

On Wednesday, The Court Square Gazebo will echo songs of the 1950's and 1960's from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., while "W Be Bop Oldies" accompanies "The Style of Springfield" demonstrated by Ghassane of East Longmeadow and La Femina Modeling Agency.

Hair cutting, styling, and cosmetic makeovers will be created live. Children will enjoy old-fashioned Carousel and Hampton Umbrella rides daily from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., in Court Square.

Wednesday ends with a free, two-hour concert at 7:30 p.m., on the City Hall Esplanade by "The Jazz Ambassadors" of the United States Army Field Band of Washington, D.C.

Added to events Thursday will be entertainment in the Court Square Gazebo beginning at noon with The John Bareska Quintet.

Throughout the day, strolling clowns and jugglers will be on hand to entertain children. A "Block Party and Dance" with the "W Be Bop Oldies" hops onto the City Hall Esplanade from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The highlight of Thursday will be a free performance at 8:00 p.m., on the Municipal Group Esplanade by the famous Temptations.

Entertainment scheduled for Friday, July 4th, includes the Fats Daniel Quintet from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Al Cocoa and his Polka Band from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and the New Valley Singers from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Strolling musicians, magicians, jugglers, and clowns will delight children along with folksingers and storytellers.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, "I Am An American" ceremony will take place on the Municipal Group Esplanade.

Immediately following, Springfield's 350th Birthday "Big Fourth" celebration will present a free patriotic music performance by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, with a 350 voice choir and complete with cannons joining in the accompaniment for Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. The Springfield Symphony guest conductor will be Eiji Oue.

The celebration finale follows the Symphony presentation at approximately 9:15 p.m., with spectacular fireworks choreographed to music. The 22-minute display will be orchestrated from the Memorial Bridge by Rick Leibert Productions of California.

Astronomy Workshop At Agawam Library

James R. Yankee, Planetarium director of Vernon, Connecticut, will be the special guest of the Agawam Public Library as he presents a Summer Lecture/Workshop Program on astronomy and space.

On Thursday, July 24th, at 7:00 p.m., Yankee will give a two-part program: part one will deal with "Giant Telescopes and Robot Spacecraft" in connection with Halley's Comet; part two will look at the Space Shuttle explosion and future U.S. space missions.

Both children and adults are encouraged to attend this interesting and educational program. Not only will Yankee show pertinent photographs, there will also be a chance for all to observe the sky through an astronomical telescope. Yankee put on a similar program last year which proved to be a great success.

Registration for this program will begin immediately and can be done at the library or over the telephone, 789-1550.

Agawam Public Library Says Join-In Town Parade

Agawam Public Library staff members are recruiting volunteers to march in the town's Independence Day Parade, Saturday, July 12th.

Young-at-heart people, ages seven and up, are invited to costume themselves as fictitious or literary characters, and be part of the library unit.

For more information, and to sign-up, come to the library before July 8th.

Happy 50th Birthday - DAN MOLTA!



THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF DAN MOLTA of Vernon Street, Agawam, celebrated his big 50th birthday party, Saturday, June 28th. The well-known resident was quite surprised by the affair, which was planned by his wife, Nancy, and daughter, Dawn. The birthday boy is holding the sign (right).

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*For easy side dishes and no pots to wash, place frozen vegetables in foil and top with your favorite seasoning. Seal tightly and cook on grill, turning occasionally, to perfection.

*If you use a charcoal grill, remember that a fire is ready for cooking when the coals are covered with grey ash - about 20-30 minutes after lighting.

A Checklist Of Essential Accessories

Long, wooden-handled tongs - one for coals, one for food.

Long, wooden-handled fork, spatula, and basting brush.

Durable pot holders and asbestos mitts.

Heavy duty aluminum foil to line the grill:

Water-filled spray bottle for quenching flare-ups.

Keep all your barbecue supplies and dinnerware (paper or plastic is ideal) together in one handy spot - a little organization saves a lot of time.

Chicken 'N Taco Sticks

1 cup (8 oz.) Wish-Bone Red Russian Dressing

2 to 3 teaspoons chili powder

1 pound boneless chicken breasts, cubed

1 medium green pepper, cut into chunks

1 medium onion, cut into chunks

1 1/2 cups cherry tomatoes

8 taco shells

Shredded lettuce

Shredded cheddar cheese

In large shallow baking dish, blend Red Russian Dressing with chili powder; add chicken. Cover and marinate in refrigerator, at least four hours.

Remove chicken, reserving marinade. On skewers, alternately thread chicken, green pepper, onion, and tomatoes. Grill or broil, turning and basting frequently with reserved marinade, 15 minutes or until chicken is done.

Serve in taco shells; top with lettuce and cheese.

Makes about four servings. (If desired, long, crusty rolls can be used in place of taco shells).

Tips On Safeguarding Picnic Foods

When the pleasures of a leisurely picnic are spoiled by a bout of food poisoning, sick picnickers are often quick to blame the food. Seldom do they realize that the cause of sickness is more often the handling of the food rather than the food itself. To play it safe, follow these tips:

*Scrub hands before starting food preparation and between steps.

*After using knives and other utensils on raw meats, eggs, fish and poultry, clean thoroughly, especially before using on other foods. Failure to clean is one way to spread harmful bacteria.

*Thoroughly scrub work surfaces after raw meats are cut or where raw meat juices have dripped.

*Use clean sponges, dish cloths and rubber gloves; over-used ones can spread germs.

*Refrigerate cooked foods such as chicken, potatoes and ham as soon as they stop steaming. Cooling foods to room temperature before refrigerating encourages bacterial growth.

*Don't hold the mayonnaise; add it to salad and sandwich mixtures during initial preparation.

*Refrigerate or chill all perishable food before packing. Transport to picnic in insulated container.

*At picnic, keep food out of direct sun. To reduce traffic in and out of picnic hamper, pack food to be eaten first at top of container.

*Don't be tempted to carry leftovers home. It's safer to discard perishables.

Mayonnaise Helps Protect Picnic Food

Although there is a common myth that mayonnaise contributes to food poisoning, science has proved just the opposite. The results of a study published in the Journal of Food Protection, February 1982, show that the high acid content of commercial mayonnaise in meat salads actually reduces the growth of bacteria that can cause poisoning. The acid content of homemade mayonnaise may be too low to create comparable protection.

Sundays For Families At Laughing Brook

Sunday Afternoons For Families will continue for the month of July at Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden.

These programs are offered every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., as a way of encouraging families to enjoy exploring the outdoors together. The following programs will be offered:

July 6th: Sensory Scavenger Hunt - Instead of collecting acorns and pine cones, we will search for the sounds of birds, the feel of fuzzy caterpillars, and the smells of summer. Join us for a walk through the Sanctuary with all senses tuned to the signs of summer.

July 13th: Songs and Stories - Join us for a visit with the "Mountain Man," an old-timer from the hills, as he shares his blend of songs and tall tales from the mountains.

Accompanied by his snake, he tells animated stories of the animals around his mountain home. Especially designed for youngsters of all ages.

July 20th: Stream Exploration - In the summer, when the water is low, you can stand in the streambed and take a close-up look at the effect of running water on the land. Gravel bars and undercut banks make unique habitats for a variety of plants and animals like the mink, waterthrush, and chipmunk. Join us as we explore life in and around Laughing Brook.

July 27th: Eco-Rummy - This brand new game blends the excitement and fun of games, with information about how natural eco-systems work. Eco-rummy is a large-group, dynamic, and interactive game in which families each make up one team. Fun for all ages.

Participants should dress for the weather. All sessions will include some time outdoors.

Sunday Afternoons For Families are open to the public. These programs are free with regular Sanctuary admission. For more information, contact Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

Agawam Garden Club To Tour Local Rose Garden

The Agawam Garden Club will meet Tuesday, July 8th, for a tour of a local rose garden in Agawam.

Members and guests interested in attending are asked to meet in the parking lot of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 6:30 p.m.

At that time, members may either drive or walk to the rose garden.

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WANTED: A name for Agawam's "Keep Moving" Registered Walkers. The Senior Center is offering a prize to the person who submits the best name to represent all the members of the "Keep Moving" walking groups in Agawam.

To enter, either - 1) leave your entry in a special box at the Center's Ticket Booth; 2) give it to Activities Director Sandra Smith at the center; or 3) telephone it to Sandra, 786-0400, extension 242.

Be sure to include your own name, address, and phone number on your entry. Let's have a real special name to identify the Agawam Walkers registered in the "Keep Moving" program.

Skit By Drama Club Members

Another of the educational 12:30 programs arranged by Activities Director Sandra Smith took place, Thursday, June 26th, at the center.

Titled, "It's Your Choice," the AARP slide and sound presentation discussed what is involved in arranging a funeral. Peter Forastiere of Colonial Funeral Home kindly served as a resource person to answer questions, and there were many. Everyone left the program much better informed than when they came.

To open the program, folks were entertained by a very timely original skit presented by **Angie Bachelder, Grace Letendre, and Flore Scarzafava**, members of the Drama Club's "Silver Star Players." They proved they are well on their way to becoming professionals.

Indoor Shuffleboard - The indoor shuffleboard has been delivered and is ready for "action." Directions for play are posted on the wall in the Green Room. This was purchased with funds raised from the Cabbage Patch Doll raffle last year, and supplemented by other income. **Vicki & Artie Martin** donated the doll for the raffle, and the center thanks them for initiating this project. It provides good recreation and fun for two-to-four persons (or more), when playing as teams.

July 8th - 12:30 Program - educational seminar on financial planning.

July 8th, 4:30 p.m. Council on Aging meeting at the center.

July 10th, 12:30 Program - "Energy Bingo" sponsored by Northeast Utilities.

July 15th, 10:00 a.m. Open meeting of "Friends." Everyone welcome.

July 16th, 7:00 p.m. A musical treat. Darcy Davis, director, will bring the Agawam High School Band to the Center to give a "Concert On The Green," just in back of the Senior Center. Everyone is welcome. Bring a lawn chair.

Summer Classes Have Started. Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., at the Colonial Haven Community Room, classes in yoga, especially designed for seniors.

The first six-week course starts July 3rd. Second session starting August 14th.

Names are being taken for the waiting list for golf, July 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. at the center. Bob Watson, instructor.

Class for Beginner Photography and Basics of Picture Taking will start July 7th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the center. Instructor is Ursula Smith, who formerly worked in the Agawam Housing Office at the center. Join the class July 7th.

Construction of the additional parking spaces at the Senior Center now going on may cause some temporary inconveniences. We ask your cooperation during this period.

Satellite Program at Pheasant Hill Village, June 25th. The Council on Aging Activities Satellite Program for the seniors at Pheasant Hill Village was inaugurated with a special morning meeting to give-out "Keep Moving"



PHEASANT HILL SOCIAL CLUB WALKERS: From left - Sandy Lepore, rental manager; Rose Mezzetti, resident; Lillian Colavecchio, group leader; Alice Stepat, Viola Smith, Lillian Ruelle, and Rose Duquette, and Sandra Smith, activities director.

registration certificates to the many walkers at Pheasant Hill.

They also received an information booklet and a log book to record miles walked. Activities Director Sandra Smith and Site Manager Sandy Lepore arranged the event. Special guest was Lillian Colavecchio, from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in Boston. She talked about the "Keep Moving Program" that started two years ago with a small group of walkers in Boston Garden, and has since generated a great deal of enthusiasm all across the Commonwealth. Many of the groups have chosen names for themselves and have received t-shirts with their club name on them. There are more than

150 walking clubs in the state.

The program has two goals: 1) Keeping fit by walking and having fun doing it, and 2) training for the Governor's Cup competition, September 21st in Boston.

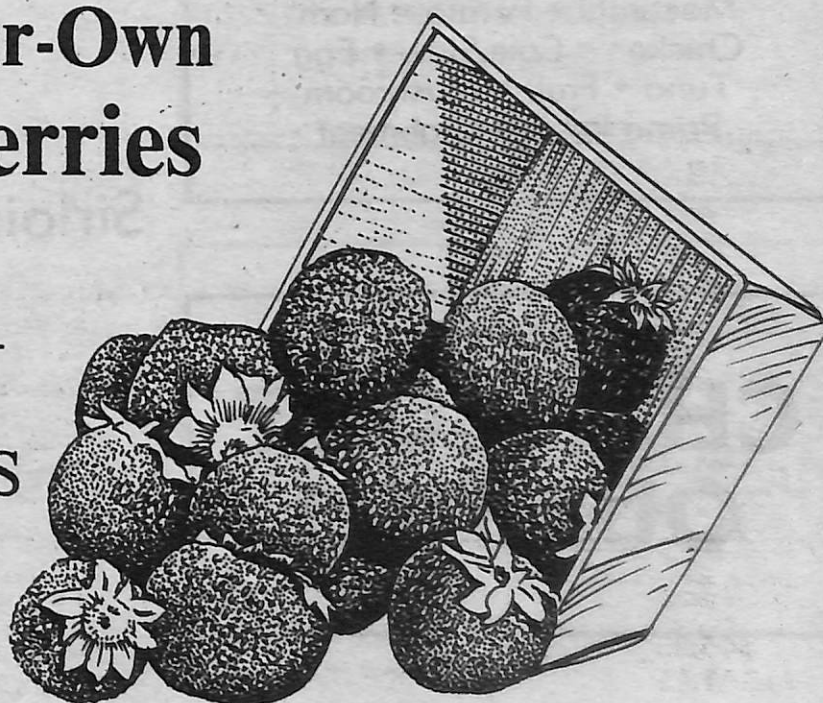
Also speaking briefly was Ellen Hallen, Southern New England Management, and Senior Center Director Richard Mundo. Introduced were the certified leaders for the "Keep Moving Program" in Agawam. Walking groups leave every day at 9:00 a.m., from the Senior Center. Men are especially invited. There are a number of men registered at Pheasant Hill who enjoy the benefits of walking.

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INSTRUCTORS AT THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER recently received certificates for their efforts. Richard Mundo, executive director; Alice Hulse, oil painting; Joyce Porth, ceramics; Sandra Smith, activities director; Lydia Gallelli, creative sewing; Dorothy Jenks, multi-media painting; Barbara Gingras, knitting; and Viola Smith, ladies exercise. Advertiser•News photo by Jack Devine.

Weekly Card Games To Resume At Grange

Weekly card parties will resume after the holiday weekend on July 10th at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street, starting at 7:30 p.m. Every Thursday evening, progressive whist is played with groceries given as prizes. Winners have a choice of at least 25 prizes each week. Refreshments are served at no extra charge.

The committee for July is Miss Florence Blish, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Rusckstuhl, and Charles Hastings. They

will be exchange a few weeks in August with the committee: Ms. Jacqueline Cavanaugh, Alex Sosnowich, and Miss Susan Comee.

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Anyone not already registered may do so at the center. Stop in any time, or join one of the groups any morning.

At the Pheasant Hill Village meeting, a group picture was taken and a continental breakfast was served, compliments of the Village.

Handyman Services For The Elderly

The Agawam Council on Aging is setting-up a program to provide "Handyman Services for the Elderly." Director Richard Mundo seeks retired Agawam people skilled in home maintenance, with tools and transportation, for this program.

To sign-up, phone Richard, 786-0400, extension 242, or stop in and see him. Services would include experience in plumbing, electrical work, painting, carpentry, yardwork, etc.

The new budget includes funding to get this program started.

Massachusetts Eye-Care Project

To help disadvantaged elderly who have medical eye problems, and do not have an eye physician or surgeon, or who haven't seen one in the past three years, call a toll-free Helpline, 1-800-222-EYES (1-800-222-3937) and ask for help.

A computer will match the caller with a physician as close to the patient's home as possible. The patient will be mailed the name of the volunteer physician and then may schedule an appointment.

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News, Activities At Heritage Hall...

EDUCATIONAL

Residents at Heritage Hall had the opportunity to view several educational films this week. The first to be shown was the "Archaeology of the Holy Land."

Next on the agenda to be seen was "Endangered Species," part one and two. Nothing could deter the audience's attention as their eyes never wandered from the screen. There seems to be no end to their desire or ability to absorb the knowledge they can find.

SOCIAL

Sundae Delights

Wednesday, June 25th, residents of Heritage Hall Campus attended an Ice Cream Sundae Party. Realizing that everyone has different tastes, a variety of toppings was offered. The list of toppings began with hot fudge and whipped cream, and ended with strawberries and sauce.

While residents enjoyed their sundaes, they were entertained by Edwin Gorczyca, with tunes from his magical violin.

As Edwin strummed a variety of tunes, you could see the residents clapping their hands and tapping their toes to keep in time to the rhythm.

Everyone's philosophy was "this is a great way to welcome the summer." Heritage Hall would like to express a warm "thank you" to all volunteers who helped.

COMMUNITY

Family Night

Wednesday, June 25th, Heritage Hall Campus held a Family Night. This event was held to acquaint the family members of residents to the facility and staff. Constance Henning, administrator, officiated the introduction of the program and department heads.

Heritage Hall hopes to continue the program on a quarterly basis (through the year). Heritage Hall would

like to express a sincere "thank you" to those who participated.

I Remember by Alice Stockwell

"When I was 11 years of age, my family lived in Agawam. Our home was on Springfield Street where the Dunkin' Doughnut Store is today. The trolleys traveled to Feeding Hills and North Agawam (then)."

At that time, most of the trolley cars were enclosed, like the buses of today, but there were still a few open cars. The open cars had seats that went from side-to-side, and running boards on the outside. Sometimes, the conductor had to go outside on the running boards to collect the tickets.

During the summer, we could sit on our back porch and watch the trolley cars go back and forth to Riverside Amusement Park. The open cars would be packed full and the women inside and the men outside were on the running boards. Trolley cars also carried sand in case the rails iced up.

We had to take the trolley back and forth in those days, so the school department paid for our tickets."

Resident Of The Week Ineze Coppi

Ineze Coppi was born and resided in Springfield for most of her life. She obtained a position with the Springfield Printing and Bindery Company where she was employed for many years.

Ineze met and married the late Mr. Paul Coppi in 1925. They shared 45 wonderful years together. Ineze has only one child, a son, Paul, who resides in Boston.

Ineze now resides at Heritage Hall and continues to lead an active and busy life. Her hobbies are sewing and cooking. Ineze has a warm and friendly personality, and is fun to be with.

FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks
Agawam Fire Chief

Test Smoke Detectors... Save Your Life

The Agawam Fire Department reminds you to test your smoke detectors at least once a month. A broken detector provides no protection and you can't afford to be without early warning to a fire. Periodic checks of detectors should be routine in your home.

Most smoke detectors have a "press to test" button. It is also a good idea to test the detector using a candle or cigarette. But be very careful! Hold the candle about six inches under the detector. Keep the candle burning if you have an ionization-type smoke detector, as it responds to an open flame best. Blow the candle out and let the smoke drift up to a photoelectric-type detector, as it responds faster to smoldering fires. As soon as the alarm sounds, fan the smoke away with a magazine or newspaper.

If your detector is battery operated, change the batteries once a year at least. Most smoke detectors will sound a "chirping" noise when the battery gets low, but don't wait for that. Always keep fresh batteries on hand.

You should have at least one smoke detector on each level of your home or apartment. Protect the bedroom areas first, since most fatal home fires happen at night. Train everyone in your family to respond quickly at the sound of the smoke detector. Seconds count. Practice getting out safely.

If your smoke detector is not working properly or it continues to false alarm, return to the place of purchase and get a new one. If you need further information about smoke detectors, contact the Agawam Fire Department.

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Summer Sale Held By Trading Post Of Ag. Baptist Church



CORALIE SOUTHWORTH assists Emma Cross at the Summer Sale held by the Trading Post of the Agawam First Baptist Church, Wednesday, June 18th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BERNICE NOWILL AND GERT CARR browse through some clothes at the Agawam First Baptist Church, Wednesday, June 18th. The church's Trading Post held its Annual Summer Sale. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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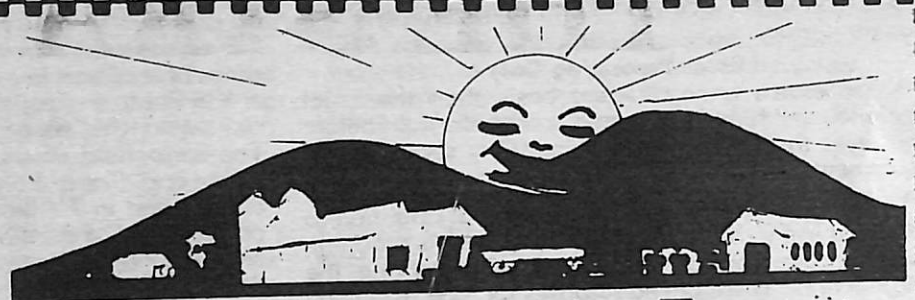


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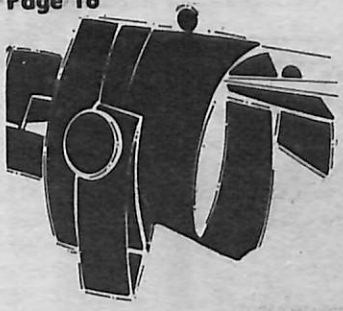
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OWNERS OF THE FEEDING HILLS branch of KIS Photo, Richard Crawford and Robert Salvon. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KIS STAFF WORKERS, from left - Julie Hynes, lab supervisor; Greg Chandler, field representative; and Christopher Landry, regional operations manager, are hard at work. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

KIS Photo Convenient Local Photo Lab

by Laura B. Dugan
Advertiser News Feature Writer

A new dimension has been added to the attractive Community Shops in Feeding Hills. KIS Photo, in Suite 1, is located near the Community Bank, between Travel Connections and Peterjon's Gourmet Ice Cream. It has been open for about two months with Christopher Landry as operations manager. It is one of 5,000 KIS outlets located not only in the United States but worldwide.

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KIS operates on a different basis than the usual photo lab. All film is processed practically right before our eyes through the use of their very sophisticated equipment.

It enables KIS Photo to give individual attention to each and every roll of film. The equipment is programmed to color-correct the film, thus preserving the original tints. There are no surprises for KIS customers, such as receiving their pictures "bathed in green" as occasionally occurs when batch processing is used. Kodak paper is used and Kodak film is for sale.

Who has ever experienced the loss of a film containing pictures that can never be retaken. It can't happen at KIS Photo because all film is processed on the premises, individually, with a one-hour development time. KIS Photo also has the equipment to make any

size enlargement from any kind of color negative.

Monthly "Specials" are offered. During June, it was a poster-size enlargement at a bargain price. In July, the planned promotion is for a substantial discount on developing and processing. Watch for the KIS Photo advertisements to keep abreast of their specials.

The Human Element

Even the most sophisticated of electronic equipment cannot function without some human input. The crew at KIS Photo in Feeding Hills is headed by Landry, a very personable young man who resides in Springfield. The Springfield native was educated at Framingham State and Trent Polytechnic, England. He has a background in TV production, most recently working on *Spenser For Hire* in Boston. Other crew members are Julie Hynes, lab supervisor, and Greg Chandler, field representative.

KIS isn't just a quick film processing store. They are equipped to do special projects of many kinds for industrial clients, and have a courier service twice a day to Springfield. They were pleased recently to do some special work for the Springfield Shriner's organization.

KIS has only recently come into Western New England with stores in West Springfield and Enfield, as well as the Feeding Hills store. **SEE KIS - Page 20...**



KIS PHOTO in Feeding Hills Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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PROUD OWNERS AND OPERATORS of E.B.'s Specialty Chicken on Walnut Street Extension, Ed Borgatti, Jr., (left) and Ed Borgatti, Sr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



POPULAR LOCAL CHEFS Ed Borgatti (left) and Chi Chi Ferranti are hard at work in the kitchen of E.B.'s Specialty Chicken. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ed Borgatti Opens "E.B.'s Specialty Chicken"

by Jolece Orsucci
Advertiser News Feature Writer

After years of contemplation, Edward Borgatti and family finally decided to make fantasy become reality. The recently opened E.B.'s Specialty Chicken, located on Walnut Street Extension, is the result. Owned and operated by the Borgatti family, the restaurant has received many good reviews from its earliest patrons.

Borgatti, previous owner of Hillside Drive-In, has been a chef since 1954. He cooked for three years at the popular DaVinci's Restaurant in Feeding Hills before deciding to open his own restaurant. "It took a lot of hard work to get started," explains Borgatti.

The former home of Sav-On Meats was chosen as the desired location because, states Edward Borgatti, Jr., "it was available and it was on a busy corner. It was the best location I could think of."

The Borgattis spent the next six weeks designing and remodeling the former meat store into an attractive restaurant. Set-up in the format of a fast-food restaurant with an order and pick-up counter, and tables to sit at, E.B.'s Specialty Chicken has a more friendly and inviting atmosphere.

Versatility Of Chicken


Chicken was chosen as the specialty item due to its versatility. "Chicken is non-fattening. Ninety percent

of the people like it. It can be prepared and sold at a reasonable price, and there must be 100 ways to cook it," explains Ed Sr.

The specialty shop offers nuggets, fingers, buffalo wings, etc., as well as pieces of fried chicken. E.B.'s also offers fish, veal, grinders, and pasta, and side orders such as fries and salad to complement all main dishes.

All dinners are made to order with all components made from scratch in the kitchen, including pasta and cannolis (the only exceptions being french fries and tortellinis).

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E.B.'s - From Page 19...

According to Ed Sr., the business is faring well, considering it just recently opened its doors. "Everyone says the food is excellent — no complaints." Word of mouth has been a big help to E.B.'s, bringing in new patrons as well as returnees every day.

Many of Ed's family members also help in maintaining the restaurant. Young Ed does a little of everything, while his wife, Stella, and daughter, Shelley Magnoli, man the counter. Sisters Claire Flaro and Janet White also take care of the counter as well as food preparation and salads. Frank "Chi Chi" Ferrante from Enfield, a chef for 38 years, is the only other employee assisting Ed Sr.

Much of E.B.'s business is take-out, and Ed suggests calling orders in ahead of time to shorten the wait. Weekly specials, including shrimp and veal, will be available regularly. Ed reports no complaint on prices, which are fairly reasonable as compared to similar restaurants. "Rather than going to a big restaurant and spending \$40, people can come here and get the same thing for much less," Ed Sr. adds.

Caters To Small Parties

Besides being a restaurant and take-out place, E.B.'s also caters to small parties. Fifteen to 20 people can call in large orders of anything on the menu ahead of time, and E.B.'s will accommodate them accordingly. The Borgattis are hired by the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills to cater banquets as well.

E.B. Specialty Chicken will be open Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, until 9:00 p.m., and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday until 10:00 p.m. Until September 1st, the eatery will be closed on Mondays. Comments are encouraged. "I know we can't please everybody, but we can try to appeal to the majority," states Ed Sr.

The success of E.B. Specialty Chicken can only be determined after an extended trial period. The Borgattis are confident, though, and are looking towards the future. The charming atmosphere, reasonable prices, and friendly service provide the basis for a successful business, but there is no guarantee.

Ed shrugs, "I'm not sure if we'll be millionaires. If it pays-off, it will be rewarding. If not, well, God Bless America."

Some Advice For Those With Foot Pain

Many forms of arthritis can cause foot pain and deformity. But there are a number of ways to keep your feet comfortable and make walking less painful, reports the Arthritis Foundation.

"Foot problems are common in arthritis and some may be severe," said Vicky Gail, a physical therapist and active volunteer with the Massachusetts Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and National Arthritis Foundation.

"Many of these problems can be alleviated with simple changes, such as wearing different shoes or making modifications to the ones you already have," she said.

If you have foot problems due to arthritis, you should wear shoes that provide good ankle and arch support, and allow space for all your toes. A pair of running shoes is a good choice because they provide support and cushioning for your feet.

If your feet are tender, look for a pair of shoes with soft flexible soles, such as rubber or crepe, or put inserts of rubber or foam into hard-soled shoes. Another way to reduce pressure and friction on feet is by wearing open-toed sandals.

Usually only people with extreme deformities require custom-made shoes. Most people can find suitable footwear among the many styles that are available in orthopedic shoe stores. One such special model is the extra depth shoe, which has extra room in the toe area.

"If the balls of your feet are sensitive, metatarsal pads may be added to the soles of your shoes, to take pressure away from that area, or shoe inserts can be made," Ms. Gail advises.

"Avoid wearing high-heeled shoes because they shift the body weight into an unnatural position and increase pressure on the ball of the foot."

When foot deformity is severe, surgery is sometimes necessary to enable the person to walk comfortably again. Usually, removal of some of the joints which form the front part of the foot can provide relief. Complete joint replacement of the metatarsal joint of the big toe, as well as of the ankle, are sometimes performed.

However, surgery is only carried out after more conservative control measures have failed. Many foot problems can be controlled by wearing the right shoes and taking care of your feet.

A doctor, physical therapist, or podiatrist can give you individualized advice on getting the right shoes for your feet. For more information, contact the Massachusetts Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, 26-2900, or 800-882-1464.

KIS - From Page 18...

Besides the convenience of their one-hour service time they are compatible price-wise. Their aim is that every customer shall be a satisfied customer...KIS photo, 1325 Springfield Street in the Community Shops at Feeding Hills.



THE STAFF OF E.B.'s Specialty Chicken. From left - Shelley Magagnoli, Chi Chi Ferranti, Ed Borgatti Sr., Stella Borgatti, and Ed Borgatti Jr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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She is suffering from bacterial meningitis.

Unfortunately, the sky-rocketing costs of hospital care for Lisa has exceeded her parents' medical coverage. When the financial dilemma of the Allevo family was discovered by friends and family, it was decided to organize a benefit to help defray medical costs.

A fundraiser will be held for little Lisa, Saturday, July 12th, at the Hollow Pine Shopping Center, across from the American Legion, Springfield Street.

There will be a car wash, a dunking booth, face painting, and refreshments. It will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Gary Suffriti, owner and operator of Feeding Hills Public Market, is donating the food for the refreshment stand, of which all proceeds will go to the Allevo family.

Riverside Amusement Park is donating two passes to the park. Each pass will admit five people and is valued at \$54.75. The passes will be used as one of the prizes for the raffle.

The raffle prizes include TV, first; Riverside passes, second; and gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Other local businesses to contribute include Zayre Department Store, Da Vinci's Restaurant, Agawam Advertiser News, Hollow Pine Shopping Center, Taylor Rental, Casa Di Lisa Restaurant, and Agawam American Legion.

Herbal Luncheons At Storowton Village

Tasty, healthful lunchtime fare will be served alfresco at Weekly Herbal Luncheons in Storowton Village's authentic colonial atmosphere.

The village provides the perfect setting for a leisurely lunch that features delicious herbal, Early American, and natural foods prepared in a special way.

These popular herbal luncheons are scheduled for July 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th, at the village's West Springfield site, and will include a few creations by guest chefs from the local area.

A varied menu featuring chicken, ham, and other special entrees will be offered each week. Other menu items will include spring greens, herbal treats, fresh vegetable dishes, creative salads, herbal beverages, appetizers, fresh baked breads or rolls, plus authentic colonial desserts, including fruits and old-fashioned specialties.

Luncheons will be served promptly at noon on the Garden Terrace of the Phillips House (or the lower level of the Meeting House in case of rain).

After lunch, visitors may also want to tour the many carefully restored historic buildings, stop at the General Store in Potter Mansion, visit the Carriage Trader Shoppe in the Phillips House, and see the blacksmith shoppe and one-room schoolhouse.

Herbal luncheons are by reservation and only a limited number of guests can be accommodated. Cost for both luncheon and lecture is \$8 per person for the general public, with a reduced fee for village members.

Additional information is available from the village office, 787-0136.

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"An Introduction to Medicinal Plants" will present an overview of herbal medicine, focusing on local plants and their medicinal applications. Plant identification, simple home remedies, and tools for further learning will be discussed in this field session.

Instructing "An Introduction to Medicinal Plants" will be Jamie Tessler, a nutritional counselor with seven years of foraging experience.

The fee for "An Introduction to Medicinal Plants" is \$8 for non-members and \$6 for Massachusetts Audubon members.

For more information, please call Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

Westfield La Leche League To Meet Tuesday, July 8th

The newly-formed Westfield Group of La Leche League will hold its first meeting of its series, Tuesday, July 8th.

The group will meet the second Tuesday of each month. During a series of four meetings, the group informally discusses the physical, practical, and psychological phases of breastfeeding.

Topic for the next meeting will be "Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Child." Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding.

A non-sectarian, non-profit organization, the league's purpose is to help encourage good mothering through breastfeeding. All women who are interested in nursing their babies are invited along with their babies.

For further information about the newly-formed Westfield La Leche League or for breastfeeding information or help, call 562-3160 or 569-3010.

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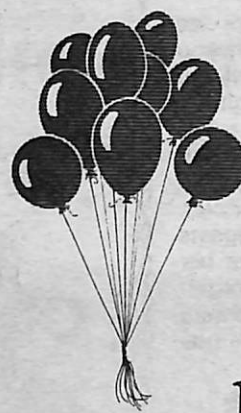
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Arts

Mary Dutton Just Loves To Paint

by Jolece Orsucci
Advertiser News Feature Writer

When resident Mary Dutton discovered that the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council had chosen her work to be displayed at Agawam Public Library as part of an extended program, she was genuinely surprised.

Due to medical problems, Mrs. Dutton was forced to put down her brush for three years. When she heard of the art program at the library, she decided it was time to start painting again. Mrs. Dutton spent the next three months working on a series of oils, focusing on landscapes, for the show. "I was questionable about my work. I thought it was too soon to be judged," she smiled.

Mrs. Dutton is one of several local artists given a chance to display their creations at the library, thanks to an art lottery grant given to the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council by the Commonwealth early this year.

The council used this grant to display interested artists' material. Applications were screened based on originality, professionalism, technique, and grade of workmanship of the art.

Getting its start in April, the project has displayed several collections of all types of art, including oils, watercolors, and sketches.

Beverly Secondo, who is in charge of the program at the library, believes the program is a great promotion for inexperienced artists. "The grant offers artists a painless way to experience hanging their work in a place, and an excellent chance to meet the public."

Public reaction has been encouraging, she adds. "Meet the Artist Night," which enables the public to talk with the exhibiting artist. According to Mrs. Secondo, the current artists' program has fared well.

Mrs. Dutton isn't exactly inexperienced. She began painting in college where she earned a b.a. degree in art education, grades K-12. While earning her degree, Mrs. Dutton's work was displayed in several art shows. Her work has also been consigned to Storowton Village, as well as shop in Pennsylvania. She often sells pieces of her work to friends and interested parties.

Besides oils, Mrs. Dutton also works with watercolors and acrylics. "I like to dabble in everything," she confessed. Mrs. Dutton slowly took over her husband's office in their home as her "studio" (where she could work and display paintings).

Her style has changed over the years, from abstract art, encouraged in college by professors, to a more traditional style. Her explanation, "Anyone can produce abstract art. The traditional style such as landscapes and still-life is more challenging."

To produce landscapes, Mrs. Dutton photographs or sketches the scene, and then proceeds to reproduce it. Her landscapes include many from Connecticut, and a few were products of her imagination. "It looks easy on the T.V. show, but it is a very different technique," she said.

Mrs. Dutton wholeheartedly believes that anyone can paint or draw if they put their mind to it. "If you want to do it, you must practice and pursue it until you have mastered the technique," she says encouragingly of all people who wish they had a flair for art. "It takes a lot of patience and time, but you'll improve with practice," she continued. "Style and form can be learned, too." To her, the idea of a "born artist" is fictitious.

If you're serious about art, Mrs. Dutton suggests painting every day in order to master skills. After her long absence from the canvas, she admitted to forgetting techniques and losing her previously acquired skill level. Since her return to painting, Mrs. Dutton has

been focusing on landscapes in order to attain perfection in this area. Over the last few months, she has grown confident of her work and plans to put emphasis on flower gardens in the near future. "If you do the same thing over and over, eventually it will be easy for you," she noted.

Art Is A Personal Thing

Mrs. Dutton tries to paint regularly, spending an average of a day-and-a-half per painting. She explains, "I get impatient and I want fast results. I hate to spend weeks on one painting. Once the technique is learned, the work goes very quickly."

She regards art as a personal thing, with each person having his own ideas and opinions about it. She tries to put feeling into her paintings, and often lets her moods influence the subject matter she chooses.

Mrs. Dutton chuckled about one such incident. "My husband was away on a business trip, and I couldn't figure out what to paint. I guess my mood was the basis for the 'old lady.' Several children from Granger School's Project S.E.E. felt that the old lady was sad and lonely. I guess that's how I felt at that time."

Mrs. Dutton loves to share her ability with others. A member of the Agawam Junior Women's Club for six years, she often helped with arts and crafts projects. She is also a member of St. David's Church, which often asks for her talent for various church-related activities.

Mrs. Dutton is thinking of returning to school for her master's degree when her daughter reaches the middle school.

In past years, she has substituted for junior and senior high art classes, and is thinking of doing so once again. Everything she is involved in seems to be in some way connected to art. It's no surprise that her refreshingly friendly paintings received a favorable response at the library.

When questioned about the possibility of turning her hobby into an income, she smiled, "I enjoy painting. I'm not really interested in the money aspect of it right now. If people like my work, I feel flattered and end up giving my paintings away."



LOCAL ARTIST MARY DUTTON looks over one of her works at recent exhibition at the Agawam Public Library. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Basket-Making Course Back At Historical Museum

Overwhelming demand has brought Mary Jo Rushlow back to teach a one-day basketry workshop, Saturday, July 12th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

A large, round-bottom field basket will be the project completed in this workshop. This basket's primary feature is a swing handle, and students will learn how to carve the handle and rim. Field baskets were once commonly used to carry the harvest from the field (hence their name). Even today, the large size of the basket makes it a useful one in twentieth-century homes.

Mrs. Rushlow, a Suffield resident, brings a wealth of experience to her workshop. She received her professional training from Central Connecticut State University and Springfield College. She has studied with master basket-makers including Sosse Baker, John McGuire, Wendy Palermo, and Martha Pengakis.

This workshop teaches some of the more advanced basketry techniques and is recommended for intermediate and advanced-level students, with prior basketmaking experience.

Pre-registration is required. For further information, please call the museum, 413-732-3080.



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PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

—American Anthem: 2½ STARS

A superficial yet entertaining drama about two aspiring gymnasts (Mitch Gaylord, Janet Jones) who fall in love and attempt to overcome their personal problems as they prepare for a competition which will determine whether or not they'll be members of America's national gymnastics team.

Directed by Albert Magnoli (*Purple Rain*), *American Anthem* is a stylishly photographed and edited picture which lacks a detailed plot and solid characterization. Many scenes are extremely short in duration, and the film's scant dialogue is supplemented by a blaring score which features songs by such recording artists as Stevie Nicks, Graham Nash, John Parr, and the group INXS.

However, despite its overall absence of depth and the fact that it resembles a series of music videos, *American Anthem* manages to be a heartfelt tribute to the world of gymnastics. Not only does it effectively depict the hardships and triumphs of this rigorous sport, but the movie also showcases a climactic meet which is so exciting that it's bound to put you on the edge of your seat.

What's more, the stars of *American Anthem* do the best job that they possibly can with their one-dimensional roles. Gaylord, an Olympic gymnast who won several medals in 1984, makes an impressive acting debut which demonstrates that he does indeed have the talent to be successful in motion pictures.

And, Jones (*The Flamingo Kid*, *A Chorus Line: The Movie*) is a skillful young actress who exudes a compelling and intelligent screen presence.

—The Karate Kid, Part II: 4 STARS

In this excellent sequel to the 1984 hit, the teenaged title character, Daniel Larusso (Ralph Macchio), accompanies his Oriental mentor, Mr. Miyagi (Noriyuki "Pat" Morita), to his native land, Okinawa, where Miyagi sees his elderly father for the last time and is reunited with both his onetime love interest (Nobu McCarthy) and his old rival (Danny Kamekura) for her affections.

Meanwhile, Daniel begins to fall in love with a beautiful Okinawan girl (Tamlyn Tomita) and soon finds himself in a dangerous entanglement which resembles the romantic conflict from Miyagi's past.

The Karate Kid: Part II is one of those rare sequels which is able to surpass the high quality of its predecessor. While the original *Karate Kid* was basically a reworking of the first *Rocky* film, this new picture is a more emotionally-charged story that deals equally with the discipline of karate and themes revolving around love, integrity, and forgiveness.

Furthermore, director John G. Avildsen (who helmed the first *Karate Kid* as well as the original *Rocky*) adds

more intensity and feeling to Daniel's and Miyagi's relationship, which is undeniably one of the most interesting and heartwarming friendships to be depicted in movies in recent years.

As Daniel Larusso, Macchio (*Crossroads*) exhibits his ever-growing talent as an actor. His performance reflects a fluid sense of self-assurance and professionalism, and this asset enables Macchio's acting to be more memorable and polished in this film than it was in the original *Karate Kid*.

In the role of Mr. Miyagi, Morita, surprisingly, outdoes the excellent, Oscar-nominated portrayal which he delivered in the sequel's predecessor. While he was a somewhat stoic man the first time around, Miyagi reveals a great deal of his inner emotions in *The Karate Kid: Part II*. And, Morita's deeply moving conveyance of his character's feelings provides this picture with many of its most compassionate moments.

—Labyrinth: 3½ STARS

From director Jim Henson (creator of the Muppets) and executive producer George Lucas (the *Star Wars* trilogy), this enthralling and inventive fantasy centers on a teenaged girl named Sarah (Jennifer Connelly) who, while babysitting her baby brother, becomes fed up with the infant's crying and wishes that some goblins would come and take him away.

However, her fanciful wish comes true, and Jareth (singer David Bowie), King of the Goblins, and his minions take the baby to a castle in an otherworldly kingdom. Immediately regretting her careless wish, Sarah follows Jareth into his realm in order to rescue her brother.

But, Jareth's castle is protected by a magical maze which contains treacherous pitfalls and a variety of exotic — and sometimes dangerous — creatures. To aid her in her journey through this maze, Sarah employs the help of three of its kindest inhabitants; a not-too-brave dwarf named Hoggle; a huge, furry beast named Ludo; and Sir Didymus, an uppity character who resembles a cross between a fox and a terrier.

Except for a few tiresome creatures and several extraneous musical numbers throughout the story, I found *Labyrinth* to be an exceptionally worthwhile piece of entertainment. With outstanding special effects, sets, costumes, and makeup, the film gives us a fantasy environment and generally wonderful characters that are enchanting to behold and are fun and easy to believe in.

Yet, best of all is the fact that *Labyrinth* can be enjoyed by both children and adults. Youngsters will be spellbound by the fast-paced action and the eye-catching visuals, while grown-ups will appreciate the sly humor that pervades the entire picture.

A good example of *Labyrinth's* clever comedy is a scene which takes place in the "Bog of Eternal Stench," an unpleasant locale which boasts sound effects that will remind older moviegoers of the unforgettable campfire sequence in Mel Brooks' *Blazing Saddles*.

Bowie (*Merry Christmas*, *Mr. Lawrence*) is as talented an actor as he is a singer, and he's perfect in the role of Jareth. Thanks to Bowie's powerful and evocative screen presence and entrancing demeanor, this character conveys a charm that manages the difficult task of being sinister and alluring at the same time.

Connelly, as Sarah, provides us with one of the best

portrayals of a female character — let alone a teenaged one — that I have seen in a long, long time. This adolescent actress not only projects a winsome personality, but she also successfully blends the diverse traits of juvenile insecurity and mature confidence as her character realizes that she is becoming an adult and that her own will can conquer the fear which she experiences in Jareth's realm.

—Legal Eagles: 1½ STARS

An uneven film about an assistant district attorney (Robert Redford) who teams up with a lawyer (Debra Winger) in order to prove the innocence of a young woman (Daryl Hannah) who is accused of stealing a valuable painting and then believed to have murdered the owner of the painting.

Although *Legal Eagles* has been receiving generally favorable reviews and good word of mouth, I find myself among the minority who are not crazy about this picture. Attempting to be a comedy, a romance, and an intriguing mystery all at the same time, *Legal Eagles* manages to bring off only one of these stories with a limited amount of success.

The romantic relationship between Redford (*Out of Africa*) and Winger (*Terms of Endearment*) is a believable and charming one, but it takes far too long to develop, and, thus, does not provide the movie with much passion. In fact, throughout the course of the plot, Redford's character spends more loving moments with Hannah's (*Splash*) character than with Winger's.

The mystery portion of *Legal Eagles*, meanwhile, is not very interesting and can be figured out with relative ease. And, some of the film's humor is quite ineffective. Director-producer Ivan Reitman, who's also known for the outrageous comedies *Stripes* and *Ghostbusters*, provides slapstick moments which are unnecessary and in contrast with the picture's sophisticated tone.

Moreover, Redford and Winger seem out of place and a bit uneasy in comical moments such as these, since they are both serious-minded actors who are not accustomed to the unrestrained, farcical humor which Reitman specializes in.

Legal Eagles is not a piece of junk that doesn't try to be a good movie. Instead, it is a disappointing film with a substandard script which suffers from the merging of the incongruous styles of a somewhat talented, lowbrow director and two very talented, highbrow performers.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—*American Anthem*: Rated PG-13 for some mature situations and profanity.

—*The Karate Kid: Part II*: Rated PG for some violence.

—*Labyrinth*: Rated PG for some suspenseful scenes, but it is still suitable for all ages.

—*Legal Eagles*: Although it is rated PG, this picture should have received a PG-13 rating because of the mature and suggestive nature of some of its scenes.

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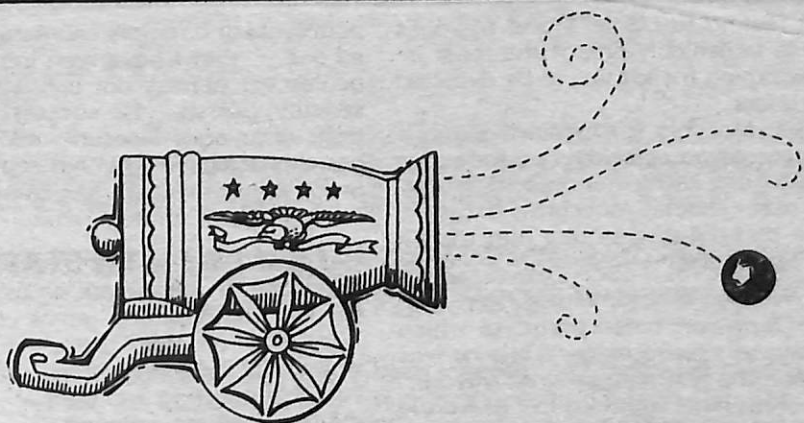
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Awards given to exhibitors at the 12th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival, June 28th and 29th, have been announced by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

First place in the General Crafts Division was won by 'Country Edition' Eileen Laurion and Rachel Dubois, Monson, for their painting on wood and canvas.

In the Fine Arts Category, Albert J. Routhier of Turners Falls captured first prize for his display of wood veneer marquetry.

First prize in the Needlework and Quilting Division went to Darleen Cocchi, Springfield, for her craft on baskets and pillows.

Honorable mentions were presented to: Judy Knapp, Westfield, for her silk and dried flower exhibit.

Michelle L. Triggs, Hadley, for her decorative toll painting.

Connie Lynch, Springfield, for her stained glass.

Lillian V. Beaudoin, Chicopee, for her paintings and candlewick pillows.

Ruth Peavey, Chicopee, for her folk art on wood and slate.

The Junior Women's Club would like to thank this year's judges, Carol Couchon and Mary Dutton.

The winner of the "Guess the Number of Goldfish Contest" was Carla Calvanese of Agawam, who was given four free passes, courtesy of Riverside Park.

Also, the Juniors would like to thank Priscilla Deveno and her art students at Agawam Junior High for their artistic work on the children's grab bags, which were a huge success at the festival.

A special thanks to the trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House for their cooperation and support, and to the general public for their participation in making this festival a great success.



MARY CINCOTTA (left) and MARY ELLEN CRESSOTTI were co-chairwomen of the Agawam Junior Women's Club's 12th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JUNE CLOUTHIER of Country Calico's and Crafts, Feeding Hills, shows-off her wares. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HATS ANYONE? was the question asked all last weekend on the lawn of the Captain Charles Leonard House by hat-makers Jan Reynolds and Ann Raco. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TAKING CARE OF THE GOODIES at the Junior Women's Crafts Fair were club members, from left - Verna Urbanski, Pat O'Connor, Nancy Bannish, and Nancy Richter. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

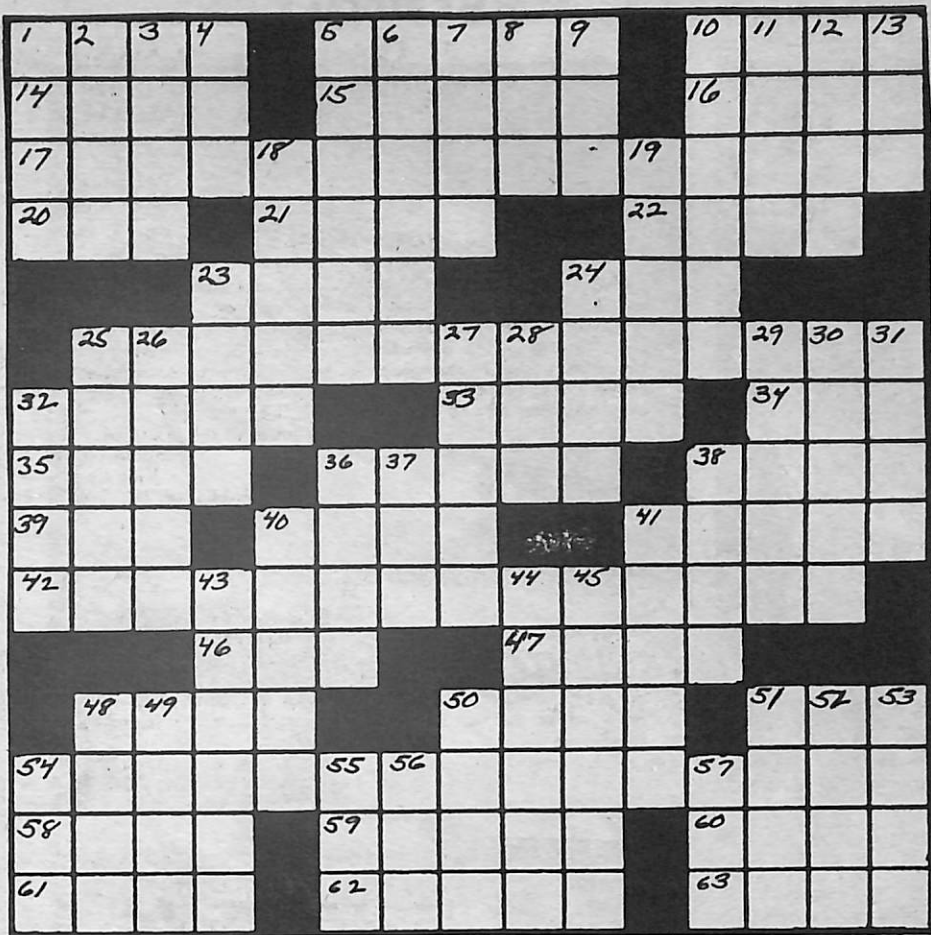


HELEN HOYAGIMIAN and Sandy Kingsley were quite proud of their quilted-hoops at the Junior Women's Club's 12th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CHRIS TARDIFF and FRANCINE LAFONTAINE hold raggedy-Ann dolls that were on sale at the arts fest last weekend at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



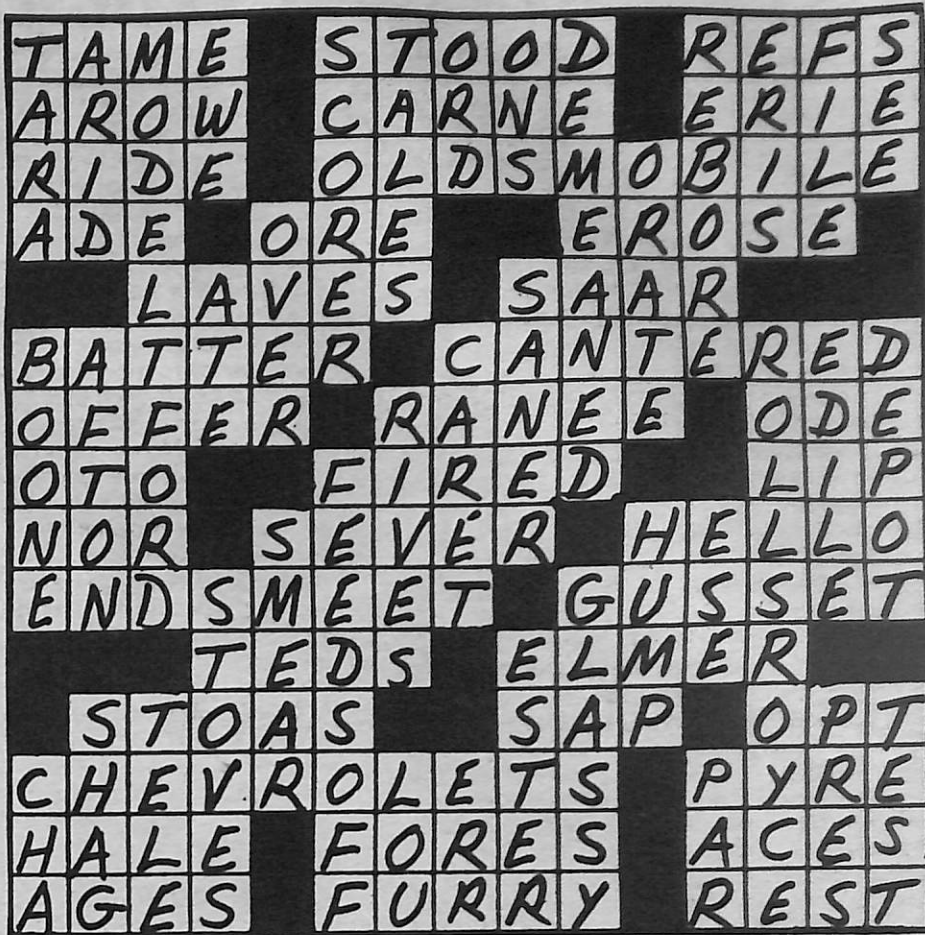
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Agawam Library Presents Summer Film Festival

During the "dog-days" of July and August, the Agawam Public Library will be presenting a Film Festival of Academy Award-winning motion pictures and performances in its cool, air-conditioned Community Room. Every Tuesday night from July 22nd to August 26th, a special movie will be screened at 6:30 p.m.

The theme of the six-week festival will be Academy Award winners, and each film features a winner in one of the following categories: best picture, best actor, best actress, best supporting actor, and best supporting actress.

The films to be shown include *On The Waterfront*, July 22nd; *The Sound of Music*, July 29th (6:00 p.m.); *How Green Was My Valley*, August 5th; *Rebecca*, August 12th; *Hud*, August 19th; and *African Queen*, August 26th.

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More About Hawaii

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Out of 96 ships in the harbor, 18 were sunk or heavily damaged. The casualties - 2,403 dead, 1,178 wounded. Almost half the fatalities were aboard the USS Arizona.

Today, the "Arizona Memorial" in Honolulu has become the primary symbol of Pearl Harbor's attack. The monument is not just to "Arizona" fatalities, but to all who lost their lives that December 7th.

The memorial attracts more than one million visitors each year, making it the second most popular attraction in Hawaii. (National Memorial Cemetery on Oahu is the most visited).

There is a 20-minute documentary film that is an introduction to USS Arizona's history and the events that led to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The film includes footage of the actual attack as well as dramatized segments.

Following the film, visitors are taken by the Navy on a 10-minute ferryboat ride out to the memorial. Admission is free and I found it to be an emotional and worthwhile sightseeing attraction.

Some travelers return from Hawaii and say they didn't care for Honolulu. Concrete City - too commercial, too busy, as compared to the other islands. I liked

it. I enjoyed the sights, the shopping, and the friendly people, (and my convertible!).

Next stop - Maui. I skipped breakfast to be at the airport one hour prior to departure for my one-half hour inter-island flight - I like to be early. I made a "slight" error in time and found myself at the airport two hours prior to flight time. I could've had breakfast.

Oh well, what's an extra hour at the airport?? -frustrating! I got lucky. Hawaiian Air put me on an earlier flight which worked out better. The Hawaiian people say "No Ko Oi," (Maui is the best!). This island has become one of the world's most popular destinations, and I know why - gorgeous beaches, lush valleys, great weather, and Mount Haleakala - a dormant volcano.

Haleakala, meaning "house of the sun," is Maui's foremost attraction. I left my hotel at 3:00 a.m. to drive the 54 miles (which took two hours and 15 minutes) to the top of the volcano to see the sunrise. It's quite an experience! No where on earth can one see 19 square miles of awesome landscape that looked just like the surface of the moon. It is big enough to contain the entire island of Manhattan.

I traveled on a road, on the edge of a precipice, in the dark, 40 miles up from sea level, to 10,023 feet. This is the only road in the world that in just 40 miles takes you from sea level up so high. I would have enjoyed the sunrise more if it wasn't so cold, really cold - and windy!

Driving down the volcano in the daylight was easier and different in that I could see that I was on the edge of a sheer drop rather than sense it as I did in the dark.

As we were driving up above the clouds in the dark, my traveling companion said, in fright, "I hope I know how to twinkle because I think I'm about to become a star!" It's a drive that puts one "on top of the world."

JOTS FROM JULIE: Hawaiians put salt on their pineapple to cut the acid. Try it. The most frustrating part of travel for me - waiting in line for my rental car...Eyeglasses are more comfortable than contacts on long flights. Reason: The dry air in planes reduces the flow of tears (and oxygen) to the eyes. If you must use contacts, clean them thoroughly. Read in short intervals. Use lubricating eyedrops frequently. Sit in the nonsmoking section.

LET'S TALK TRAVEL appears twice a month in the AAN!

Ag. Community Band Lists Summer Schedule

The Agawam Community Band has met for many years under the direction of Agawam High School Music Director Darcy B. Davis, and offers a chance for anyone who would like to take part in a fellowship of band music, the opportunity, without charge.

Rehearsals are held at the Agawam High Band Room Tuesday evenings during the months of June and July, with free concerts for the public on Wednesday evenings in July and the beginning of August.

The schedule of concerts for 1986 is as follows:
Wednesday, July 9th: Heritage Hall Nursing Home (off Cooper Street), 7:00 p.m. The band will set-up between the West and North Buildings.

Wednesday, July 16th: Agawam Senior Center (Meadowbrook Manor - off Main Street), 7:00 p.m. Band will set-up on Main Street side of the building. Concert will be inside the Senior Center if weather is inclement.

Wednesday, July 23rd: Riverdale Gardens Nursing Home (West Springfield), 7:00 p.m. Concert will be held in the outdoor courtyard if weather permits, inside if weather is inclement.

Wednesday, July 30th: Summer Band students from Agawam elementary and middle schools will present a free concert in front of the Senior High School at 6:30 p.m. Some members of the Community Band will be assisting with this program so there will be no Community Band Concert as such.

Tuesday, August 5th: Storowton Green on the Eastern States Exposition Grounds (West Springfield), 7:30 p.m.

This is the only Tuesday evening program and also starts a little later than the rest. In the event of inclement weather, this concert will be held Wednesday evening, August 6th.

The Community Band is composed of students of all ages, as well as former members of the Agawam High School Band who are now in college, or adults from the Agawam area who have played band instruments.

Many of the members are present members of the high school band or junior high band who will be in the high school next year.

The summer sessions provide a way to keep playing with a group, and also to get a head start on some of the music the "Marching Mohawks" will be using during the upcoming year.

Some of the selections in the concert folder for this summer include: "The Varsity Drag, May's A Grand Old Name, Who's Sorry Now, Lady of Spain, If, Heart, Whatever Will Be Will Be, In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree, Hello My Baby, What A Difference A Day Made, Breaking Up Is Hard To Do, Slaughter on Tenth Avenue, Tennessee Waltz, Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ra, America the Beautiful, American Salute, The National Game, and Gridiron Club" by Sousa, and several march selections.

All the news with us

Agawam Hi-Lighters Plan Dance At Stanley Park

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance, Saturday, July 12th, at Stanley Park, Westfield, at 7:30 p.m. Cliff Brodeur will be the caller and Linn Case will cue the rounds.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of ANDREW NIERODA who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 20 Paragraph 66 to allow for the construction of a single family residence in an area located within the "Flood Plain" and identified as 122 LEONARD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Ronald LaRiviere
Vice Chairman
Published: July 3rd, 1986

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 10th, 1986, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act upon the petition of Custom Building Specialists, to perform work subject to the Act on Christopher Lane.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, JULY 17th, 1986, at 7:30 p.m. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of MICHAEL & DAVID AMATO who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20, Paragraph 66.1 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of a single family residence on a lot being located in the Flood Plain and further identified as 184 LEONARD STREET.

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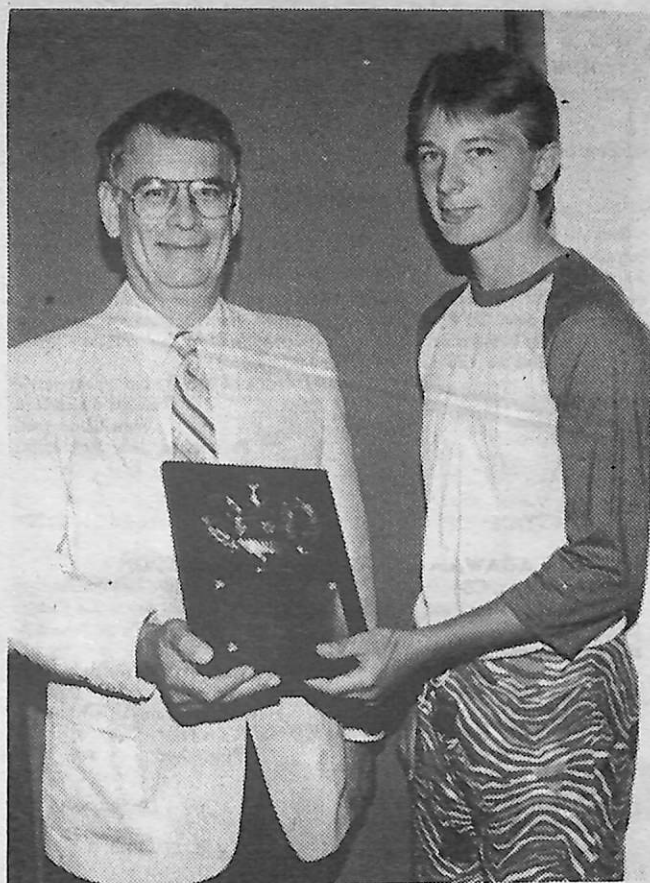
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Schools



JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL THOMAS O'KEEFE presents Chad Alechny with the school's "Principal Award." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Summer Reading Club Begins July 16th At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library will offer a summer reading club for children in kindergarten through grade five beginning July 16th, from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m., and continuing weekly Wednesday meetings through August 20th.

Programs will include storytelling, nature lore, musical treats, and a variety of entertainment acts sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association.

In addition to the weekly meetings, children will be encouraged to read for pleasure throughout the summer by participating in the Read to the Outer Limits reading incentive program.

A display on this theme will illustrate the group's progress in the number of books read collectively as the summer proceeds. Children do not have to attend club meetings in order to join in this program, and certificates of achievement will be awarded to everyone who reads at least three books by August 20th.

The program theme is a cooperative effort of the Western and Central Massachusetts Regional Library Systems, and some materials have been supplied by the Western Regional Library System, of which the Agawam Public Library is a member.

Children may register by coming to the library to sign-up and pick-up a membership card.

Todd Mazza Attains Dean's List Status At AIC

Todd M. Mazza, son of Mrs. Marie Mazza and the late Frank Mazza, attained Dean's List honors at American International College for the spring semester.

Todd is a 1985 graduate of Agawam High School and is majoring in criminal justice at AIC.

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Chad Alechny Wins "Principal's Award"

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Each June, "The Principal's Award" is presented to the ninth grade student who is deemed by the faculty to have been the most outstanding student during the past two years at the Agawam Junior High School.

Announced during the annual award's assembly, the prestigious honor is bestowed upon the student whom the faculty believe not only is well-liked by both students and staff, but also has demonstrated good conduct, school spirit, sportsmanship, and academic record.

Other criteria include helpfulness and cooperation, involvement in school activities, contributions to school and community, respectful attitude toward people and property, trustworthiness, reliability, and promptness.

Junior high Principal Thomas O'Keefe announced that this year's winner, who possesses the above qualities, is Chad V. Alechny.

He says Chad has been involved in a variety of activities while maintaining a strong academic record.

An honor roll student for 14 terms, Chad was chosen as a member of the Student Cadre.

Highly-interested in soccer, he has played the positions of goalie, fullback, and sweeper.

Chad received the "Most Valuable Player Award" in

1982 while playing in the Pioneer Valley Under 12 Division.

Moreover, he passed the United States Soccer Federation course in 1985 and refereed games last fall. When not on the soccer field, the young sports enthusiast can be found playing AAA basketball.

O'Keefe cites that during his elementary school years, Chad was selected out of 7,000 entries for the highest state award in poetry sponsored by the New England Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. He was presented that award by Senator Paul Tsongas.

A member of Project S.E.E. in the fifth and sixth grades, Chad enjoys playing the guitar, reading, and writing. He also received a music award for the beginner band in 1982.

Liked and admired by both his teachers and schoolmates, Chad was voted "Class I.Q." in the ninth grade's Annual Ballot Box Election.

The personable young man says that his future plans include attending a four-year college where he will pursue an interest in foreign languages.

The son of Leon & Nancy Alechny of Thalia Drive, Feeding Hills, Chad resides at home with his parents and two sisters, Ty, 19, and Krissy, 12.

Robyn Schermerhorn Attends 4-H Conference

Robyn Schermerhorn of 21 Barn Road, Agawam, recently attended the 1986 Massachusetts 4-H Teen Conference at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

The 71st annual four-day conference offers workshops, seminars, career planning sessions, and social and recreational events for over 350 teens from throughout Massachusetts and New England.

Miss Schermerhorn, who recently completed her eighth grade, participated in sessions on self-defense, deafness and sign language, cake decorating, square dancing, "You'll Be Surprised," and 4-H and societal issues.

She has participated in the Barnyard Bunch Square Dance Club, Service Club of West Springfield for one year, and has participated at La Femmina Modeling and Charm School, Mary Ann Studio of Dance, Pilgrim Fellowship, Sunday school teacher, and is a volunteer at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

The Massachusetts 4-H Conference is open to all high-school aged youth. The theme for the 1986 Teen Conference is "4-H For Youth For America And The World."

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Junior High Students Learn About Far East From Japanese Visitor

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

East met west as Lower Pioneer Valley Collaborative Education students of Lyn Lawrence at Agawam Junior High School recently shared a day of cultural activities with Nikita Matsunaga, a Japanese graduate student enrolled at American International College, Springfield.

Accompanied by AIC Foreign Student Advisor Sue Root, Nikita is originally from a small town approximately 50 miles north of Tokyo.

Educated primarily in the United States, he is currently pursuing a biology fellowship.

Ms. Lawrence points out that Nikita's visit culminated her students' study of World War II.

She explains that, while researching "the war to end all wars," her students were amazed to learn Japan was once our enemy since we presently are allies and rely on the Japanese for many products.

Consequently, she initiated a close examination of the relationship which developed between the two nations after the war.

After obtaining invaluable research material from the Five College Center for East Asian Studies in Amherst, Ms. Lawrence contacted AIC in hopes that one of their Japanese students would care to address her 10-member class.

Nikita began his three-hour visit by preparing a typically Japanese meal for the students' noontime repast.

Utilizing the school's home economics kitchen, he assembled the ingredients for one of his favorite dishes, chicken shish-kabob with fried rice.

Noting that he usually cooks over a charcoal fire rather than a gas stove, Nikita enlisted the aid of students in the washing, peeling, and chopping of vegetables which would be used in the recipes.

As he worked, Nikita related that he learned to cook at the age of nine upon the death of his mother.

Besides discussing proper Japanese table manners, he also demonstrated the art of using chopsticks.

At the meal's conclusion, the students returned to their classroom, where the foreign student explained how Japanese teenagers view American culture, as well as some of their attitudes towards American teens.



STUDENTS OF LYN LAWRENCE at Agawam Junior High School recently enjoyed an authentic Japanese meal as prepared by AIC graduate student Nikita Matsunaga. Helping with the vegetables are, from left - Amy Parolo, Nikita, Jennifer Towne, Michon Hatin, and Chris Thomas. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Records popular among Japanese youth were also played, with Nikita translating.

In addition to reviewing cultural similarities and differences, he related how values and traditional family life have changed in his homeland due to society's rapid industrialization.

During his address, the personable young man revealed how he has been treated while attending various schools in our country. He then asked how many students thought they could adapt to life in Japan if they were to attend school there.

Moreover, the relationship between seasons and nature in regards to Japanese culture and religion were discussed.

Following a filmstrip depicting a typical day in the life of a Japanese student, Nikita concluded his visit by

demonstrating origami, the art of folding paper.

Ms. Root states that she enjoys bringing foreign students into area schools because they provide students with first-hand knowledge of different cultures. She reports that, to date, Nikita has visited five schools and a Boy Scout troop.

Ms. Lawrence believes that Nikita's visit not only was enjoyable but also beneficial for her students.

"Often we develop a fear of foreign people because we are unfamiliar with their customs and culture. In our ignorance, we sometimes are even disrespectful.

"I feel Nikita helped to give my students insight into another culture so that they will be more receptive, respectful, and understanding of foreigners in the future," she remarks.

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Granger Graduates Fifth Graders In June 18th Ceremony

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Mother Nature out-did herself by providing picture-perfect weather for Granger School's first formal outdoor graduation ceremony, Wednesday, June 18th.

Sponsored by the school's Parent Teacher Organization, the early-morning event marked the graduates' departure from the elementary education level.

Green and white streamers denoting the school's colors as well as Class of 1986 balloons adorned the school's front circle where parents and relatives gathered to witness the happy celebration.

Seventy-five fifth grade students of Maryann Fravesi, Helen Maslauskas, and Fred Montesi received certificates of completion commemorating their six years of education, as well as "Loving Cups" from the school's P.T.O.

Principal Begins Ceremony

Principal James Loomis began the ceremony by leading graduates and invited guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Next, the fifth graders performed the song "Music and Kids," as directed by elementary music teacher Sylvia Starkie.

Following the opening song, Loomis introduced elementary physical education instructor Paul Bachini, who presented the graduates with their annual field day awards.

As a special feature, Bachini awarded 24 fifth graders with National Physical Fitness Program certificates and patches.

Winners included Jimmy Begley, Jeff Drapeau, Matt Foubien, Greg Pudlo, Joe Rodriguez, Keith Stauch, Matt Toczko, Ann Maklary, Sarah O'Connor, Holly Pevzner, Timmy Cortis, and Ryan Hines.

Also recognized were Mike Montessi, David Zielinski, Cheryl Collins, Tracy Hayes, Jessica Liptak, Theresa Ogorzalek, Areecia Ward, Rachael White, Christy Remington, Stephanie Mason, Kerry Klett, and Greg Jerome.

Moreover, two students, Thomas Briggs and Mike Corgan were the recipients of National Physical Fitness Merit Awards.

Loomis then introduced Agawam Police Safety Officer Sergeant Al Longhi, who presented awards of merit and pins to bus safety patrol members Gregory Jerome, Richard DelBarba, Jessica Liptak, Colleen Meagher, Lisa Bruno, Joy-An Conte, Brendon Gallagher, Kelly Gendron, Thomas Briggs, Gerald Hafke, Rachael White, and Robert Bazaka.

Next, Loomis presented perfect attendance awards to Stephanie Mason, Gregory Jerome, and Ann Maklary.

Following these awards, certificates of achievement were presented to Project S.E.E. group members Joy-An Conte, Charles Copson, Jeffrey Henderson, Colleen Meagher, Jason Palivoda, Mathew Toczko, and Rachael White.

PTO graduation committee chairwoman Carolyn Gallagher addressed the graduates and explained that they would be receiving loving cups as symbols of the organization's love and pride in each of them. At the conclusion of her remarks, fifth grade students were called forth individually to receive congratulations and certificates of completion from their classroom teachers, Loomis, and Mrs. Gallagher.

Prior to singing the closing song, "Lift Your Eyes To The Morning Star," the graduates were told by Loomis



MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATION COMMITTEE at Granger School. From left - Lynn Loubier, Ginger Hines, Carolyn Gallagher, Nancy Melbourne, Iris Copson, Sue Pettazzoni. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

that, "If you ever need me, dial L." The veteran educator noted that each student has successfully completed the three most difficult grade levels — first, third, and fifth.

He assured them that they were are "well equipped to go forward and broaden their horizons at the middle school."

The program concluded with graduates and guests joining together to enjoy refreshments provided by the PTO.

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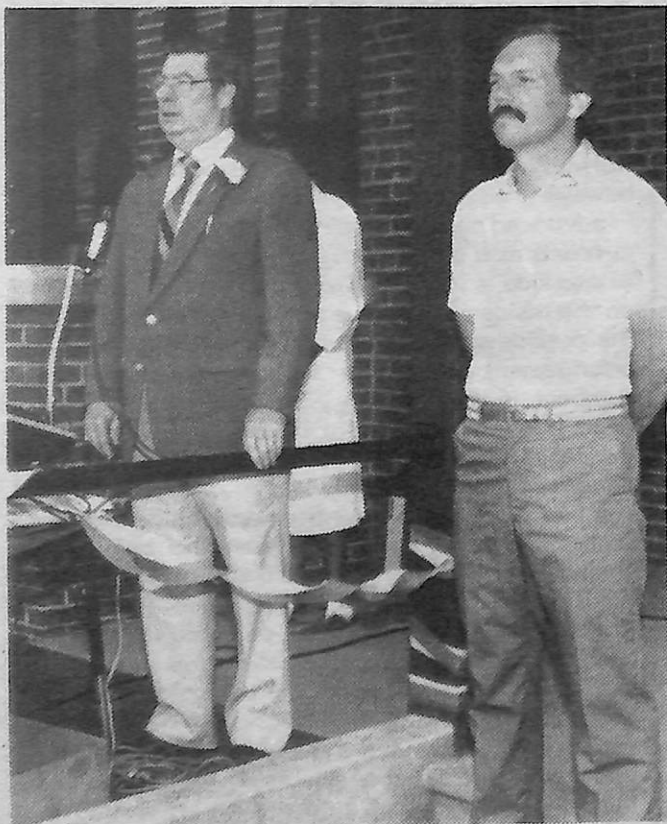
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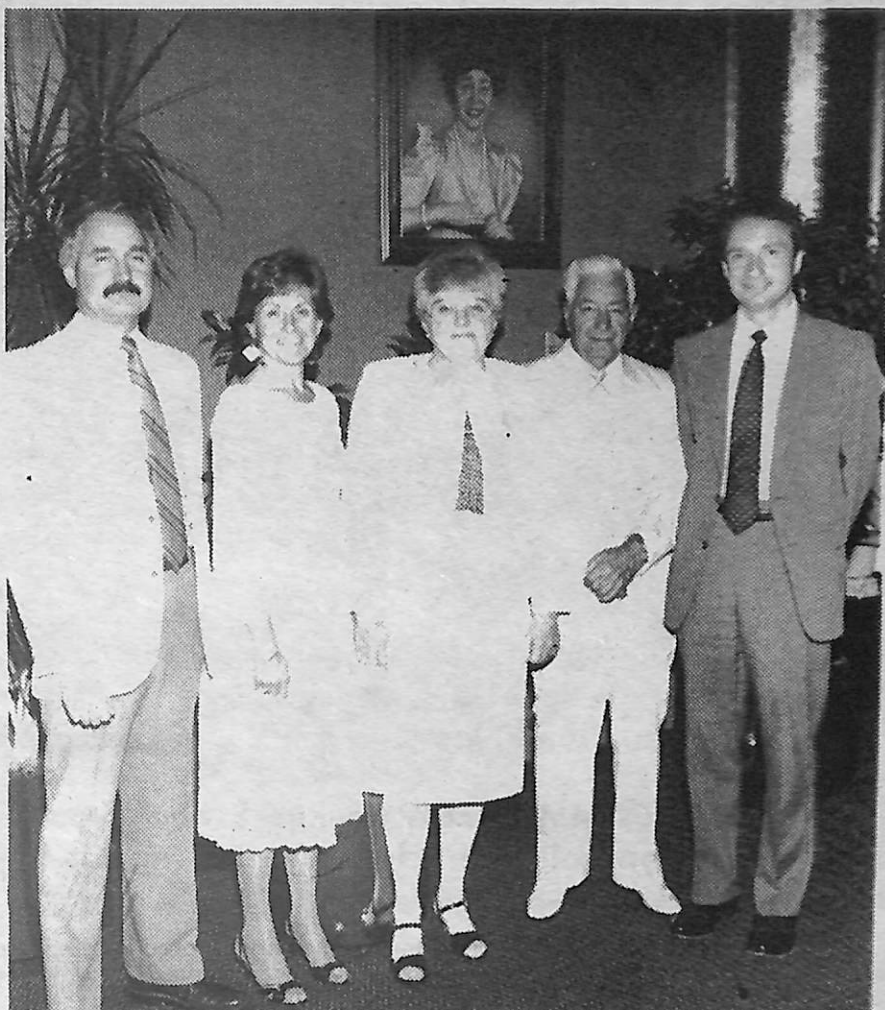
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GRANGER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL James Loomis and physical education instructor Paul Bachini (right) view graduation ceremonies for the school, Wednesday, June 18th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE BELLICO FAMILY - from left - Rusty Bellico, Judy Dupre, Elaine, Russ, and Rick Bellico. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL John Morrissey (left) and Vice-Principal David Bates (right) with Elaine & Russ Bellico at her retirement dinner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Elaine Bellico Retires From Guidance Post

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Deciding which side to sit on while attending the traditional Agawam vs. West Springfield Thanksgiving Day football game has always been a dilemma for Elaine Bellico.

Born, raised, and schooled in West Springfield, Mrs. Bellico has served 23 years in the Agawam School System.

Her loyalty problem will soon be solved, however, as she retired from her 18-year post as guidance counselor at the senior high, June 30th.

Originally hired by the late Superintendent of Schools James Clark to teach physical education at the former junior high, she received her bachelor of arts degree from American International College, majoring in history and social studies.

Mrs. Bellico says that after graduating from college, she substitute taught "everything and anything" for three years in West Springfield.

Permanent Position In Agawam

It was by chance that she applied for a permanent position in the Agawam School System.

Therefore, she was surprised when Clark asked her if she would consider assuming a full-time physical education position at the junior high level.

Although she was not certified to teach in that area, she confesses to always maintaining an interest in sports and athletics.

During her five-year post at the junior high, Mrs. Bellico received her certification in both physical education and health.

Eventually, she attained her master's degree in education and certification in guidance from Westfield State College.

Appointed to the senior high guidance department in 1968, Mrs. Bellico states that she never has regretted her decision to become a guidance counselor.

"Although I enjoyed the non-structured atmosphere of a physical education teacher, I still desired a one-to-one relationship with students. I felt being a guidance counselor would give me the opportunity to better know students," she remarks.

Mrs. Bellico explains that besides advising students

as to future career choices, her duties at the senior high have included preparing a weekly guidance bulletin for all homerooms, scheduling classes, and assisting students who may have discipline or special problems.

She relates that working individually with students is what she has liked best about her job. However, if she could change one thing in the guidance department, it would be to add more counselors.

"Sometimes you feel that there just isn't enough time to accomplish everything that you would like to do for students. If there were more counselors, you could do so much more for them," she comments.

The veteran counselor notes that she will miss her associates and students most when she retires.

"I always felt it was an asset to be working with young people. I've also been fortunate to have worked with a very nice group of school administrators and personnel," she states.

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MRS. BELLICO on her last day on the job. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Fun Day Held At Granger School



TARA DELUCCHI is trying on as many pairs of sneakers as she possibly can during Granger School's Fun Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Voice Of Democracy Contest Sponsored For Local Students

The theme for the 40th Annual Voice of Democracy National Broadcast Scriptwriting Scholarship Program, sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary is "The Challenge of American Citizenship." The script must be three to five minutes. This scholarship program is conducted annually in secondary schools throughout the United States with the beginning of the fall term of school.

Presenting this theme in the summer will allow students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades of all public and parochial high schools ample time to prepare for this program. Stanley Bell of District 10 is the State VOD Chairman and Rita Shea, District 7 and member of Agawam Auxiliary 1632 is State VOD Chairman for Ladies Auxiliary to VFW.

Local radio stations standby to record the winning essay from each high school. Students must not refer to their race, schools, or identification on these tapes. One winning tape from each high school will be entered into the district judging.

Locally, Tom Shea is District 7 VOD chairman and any questions can be referred to him by calling 732-0681. Awards will be at the local VFW and auxiliary level. There are three awards on the District 7 level: first, \$100; second is \$75; and third is \$50.

The district winner's tape is forwarded to the State Department for judging. There are awards at the state level and by the Ladies Auxiliary Department of Massachusetts.

Jeffrey R. Kerr Graduates From College Of Pharmacy

Jeffrey R. Kerr, son of Douglas & Gloria Kerr, North West Street, Feeding Hills, has graduated magna cum laude from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, with a b.s. in pharmacy.

He is an active member of PSI Chapter — Pharmaceutical Honor Society.

Jeff was a 1981 Agawam High School graduate. He is employed by Smith Drug Store, Inc., West Springfield.

MRS. BELLICO - From Page 32...

Mrs. Bellico says that her husband, Russell, has been anxious for her to join him in his retirement. Coupled with the retirement of her close friend and colleague, Helen Cosgriff, her decision to leave the school system was a natural and easy one to make.

Since the Bellicos and Cosgriffs are such close friends, both couples plan to travel extensively together.

With a son and mother living in Florida, visits to that sunny locale will definitely be on the agenda for the Bellicos next winter.

Thirteen-year residents of Agawam, the Bellicos have four children, Judy and Danny Dupre, as well as Russ and Rick Bellico.

When not visiting their children or traveling, the couple plans to enjoy two of their favorite sports — golf and tennis.

"Although I'm looking forward to my retirement, it will definitely be a real change, especially when school reopens in September," she reflects.



GRANGER SCHOOL STUDENTS help PTO members get a parachute game ready at the school's Fun Day last month, just before the end of school. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.



GRANGER STUDENTS, from left -Erica Eastlake, Jamie Couture, Tara Melbourne, and Jennifer Cote are having a grand time at the school's Fun Day, June 10th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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GRANGER CHORUS STUDENTS entertain audience with a song in the musical "Getting Your Act Together, Thursday, June 5th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHER SYLVIA STARKIE led the 28-member Granger School Chorus in a 30-minute musical production last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Granger School Chorus Presents Musical

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

As the culmination of their year-long study, fifth grade chorus members at Granger School performed a 30-minute musical production entitled "Getting Your Act Together" before an audience comprised of teachers and fellow schoolmates, Thursday, June 5th, in the school auditorium.

Under the direction of elementary music teacher Sylvia Starkie, the 28-member ensemble presented a behind-the-scenes look at a school chorus preparing for their graduation day debut.

Wearing silver and blue shoulder sashes adorned with silver starbursts, cast members performed five songs which reflected their thoughts concerning the future.

Among these were "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "On A Clear Day," "Hitch Your Dream To A Morning Star," "Rainbow Day," and "I Sing The Body Electric."

The two-performance production also featured recitations, during which the story's chorus members reflected about their past experiences together, as well as pondering their future careers.

Moreover, the show-within-a-show included a lively song and dance routine.

The annual event concluded with the entire ensemble singing the finale "We'll All Be Stars."

Mrs. Starkie says her students have been diligently working since January for their year-end performance.

She notes that each student had to pass a competitive audition before being chosen for the select musical group.

Performing main roles in the show were **Rachael White, Timothy Cortis, David Zielinski, Christine Lindsey, Shannon LaFontaine, Ronald Ardolino, Melissa Donovan, and Justin Tietze.**

Other chorus members included **Jessica Liptak, Karen Buffington, Vicky Kimberly, Lee Copson, and Sarah O'Connor.**

Also, **Peter Cecchi, Tracy Hayes, Hilary Lefebvre, Lisa Bruno, Michael Montessi, Theresa Ogorzalek, Kelly Gendron, Jeff Henderson, Stephanie Mason, Kariann Perry, Todd Proctor, Kerry Blackak, Jeff Drapeau, and Jason Pirnie.**



MEMBERS OF THE GRANGER SCHOOL CHORUS perform the 30-minute musical "Getting Your Act Together" before an audience comprised of teachers and fellow schoolmates, Thursday, June 5th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Granger Students Perform "The Hobbit"



GRANGER STUDENTS visited Robinson Park School last month to perform "The Hobbit." From left - **Amanda Sunny, Michele Dutton, Greg Bergeron, Joy Ann Conte, Katie Berry, Jeff Henderson, Rachael White, Lee Copson, Jason Palivoda, and Matthew Toczko.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Area Students Graduate From Baystate Medical

Carmela A. Marzano of Agawam was among the graduates of Baystate Medical Center's School of Nursing.

Miss Marzano received the "Terry Reed Deveno Nursing Memorial Award" for excellence in bedside nursing care.

Elsie M. vonHollander of Agawam was the recipient of the "Alumni Association Award" for continuing nursing education.

Evelyn M. Morissette of Agawam was one of the graduates of Baystate Medical Center's School of Nursing.

Martha R. Cini of Agawam was one of the graduates of Baystate Medical Center's School of Nursing.

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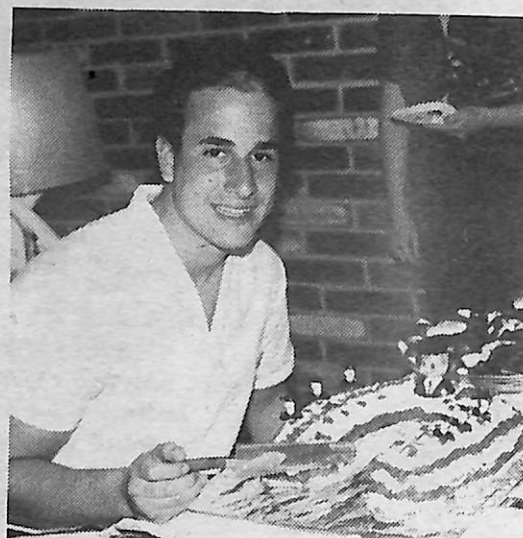
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Jeff Rovelli Graduates From University Of Hartford

The peaceful green campus situated in spacious West Hartford set the scene for University of Hartford's 29th commencement May 18th. Here, ceremonies began with the procession of faculty, honored guests, and graduates to selections by the Hartt School of Music orchestra.

Among the undergraduates receiving degrees was Jeff Alan Rovelli, a 1982 graduate of Agawam High School. He, along with the other students, seemed to take great pride and recollection in the honorary degree recipient, Springfield native Theodore Seuss Geisel, more affectionately known as "Dr. Seuss."

Ceremonies continued with separation of the different schools to secondary sites for awarding of diplomas. Rovelli received his degree "cum laude" in computer engineering inside the beautiful Lincoln Theatre. He was one of two students, the first to receive the college's new bachelor's degree in computer engineering.

Their new degree qualifies them to work as design engineers with computer manufacturers, as applications engineers with companies heavily dependent on computer systems, or as design or project engineers with companies requiring special purpose digital systems.

Rovelli is a member of the university's Kappa Mu Engineering Honor Society, as well as Eta Kappa Nu, the National Electrical Engineering Honor Society. He is registered on the National Dean's List.

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Smith T. Rovelli of Lincoln Street, Rovelli was honored at a celebration party of family and friends following graduation ceremonies. He has accepted a position with a federal agency located outside of Washington, D.C.

Three Locals Receive Degrees From Springfield College

Three area residents were among the 620 graduates of Springfield College who received their degrees during recent commencement exercises.

Graduating from the coeducational college were Ann M. Culloo, 150 Corey Colonial, Agawam, who was awarded a master's degree.

Debra L. Wheeler, 66 School Street, Agawam, who was awarded a bachelor's degree.

Jeffrey A. Woods, 67 Suffield Street, Agawam, who was awarded a master's degree.

Founded in 1885, Springfield College is a private institution of higher education with a total enrollment of 2,200 students. It is situated on a 160-acre campus in the City of Springfield.

The college specializes in educating students for human helping careers in such organizations as the YMCA and the United Way. It also offers programs in the allied health professions ranging from physical therapy to cardiac rehabilitation.

Mary K. Steele Graduate Of Mount Holyoke College

Mary Kathleen Steele of Agawam was one of 509 women who received the bachelor of arts degree at the 149th commencement of Mount Holyoke College May 25th.

The prestigious college for women, located in South Hadley, has been a leader in liberal arts education for nearly 150 years. The college currently enrolls over 1,950 women from 40 countries and from nearly every state in the United States.

Miss Steele, an English major, graduated cum laude. She is the daughter of Robert & Dorothy Steele of Anthony Street.

Catherine A. Byrne Graduates From St. Joseph's College

Saint Joseph College in West Hartford has released the names of 107 undergraduate students who have been selected for the spring 1986 Dean's List based on their academic performance in that semester.

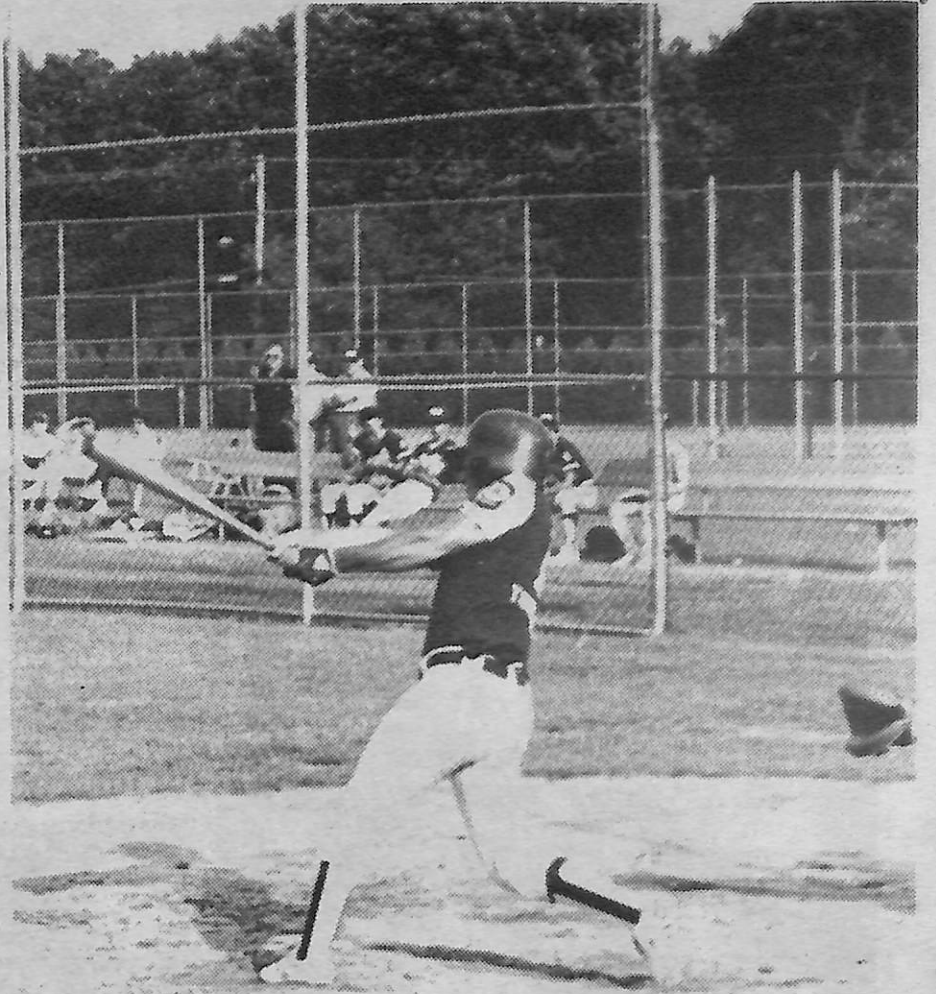
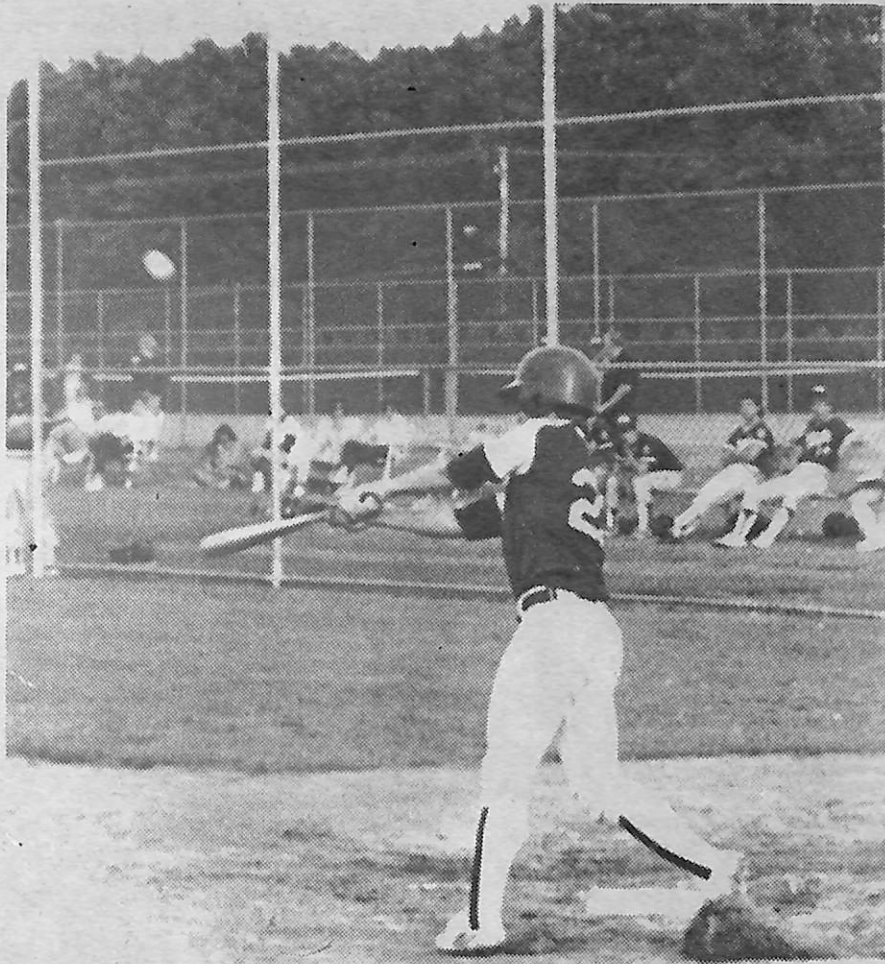
These students, who included Catherine A. Byrne of Agawam, represent 20 percent of the college's full-time undergraduate enrollment.

To achieve this academic standing, students must meet the following requirements: be a full-time, matriculated undergraduate; take 12 or more letter-grade credits of course work in each semester; achieve a QPR of 3.50 or better in each semester; receive no less than a B- grade in any course; and have no incomplete grades.

Mrs. Byrne is a 1976 graduate of Agawam High School and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Andrews. She resides with her husband, Paul.



Sports



AGAWAM LEGION BATTERS had their problems in a loss to Easthampton, Monday, June 30th, at Harmon Smith Field. The locals lost, 4-2, in extra-innings. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Legion Bows To East 'Hamp, 4-2 Now (6-3)

by Todd Holt
Advertiser News Sports Editor

After a surprising 5-0 start, the Agawam American Legion baseball team has returned to earth recently as they have lost three of four games to stand at 6-3 at presstime.

Their most recent loss was a 4-2, extra-inning game against Easthampton, Monday, June 30th, at sunny and windy Harmon Smith Field.

"We had seven hits and plenty of opportunities to score but we stranded too many runners on base," said coach Bob Regish. "Unlike past games, once the tablesetters were on, we couldn't deliver the key hit to score them."

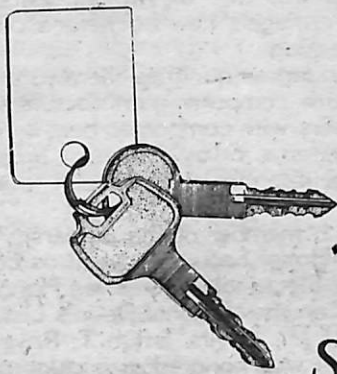
There was no score until the locals broke the ice in the bottom of the fourth. Angelo Puppola led-off the frame with a double to the rightfield fence.

He scored on a double by Jerry Allen that found the leftfield gap. One batter later, Mike Chausse singled to left to make it 2-0, Agawam.

Rick Sheehan was on third with none out in the bot-

tom of the fifth. But after a pitching change by Easthampton and two outs later, he was picked-off third by the catcher.

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Easthampton's relief pitcher, Karl Clapp, helped his own cause when he smashed a lead-off homer into the parking lot beyond rightfield in the sixth.

Easthampton tied it at 2-2 after Marty Tanguay walked to score on a T.J. Willard triple to centerfield.

The score remained tied after seven innings of regulation play as both teams had missed golden opportunities to win the the game earlier. Agawam had fine defensive help from shortstop Rob Regish and catcher Tom King. King threw out two runners attempting to steal.

Easthampton had two basesloaded walks issued to them in the eighth to go up, 4-2, and that's the way it ended.

Jim Kasparian, who was going for this third victory of the Legion season, pitched eight innings before sending out an SOS to teammate Ed Mutti, who finished up.

Mutti, a southpaw, is expected to start on the mound at presstime vs. Northampton.

The locals raised their record to 5-0 last week after stopping West Springfield, 8-5. In that game, pitcher Jim Kasparian got the win with relief help from Mike Chausse.

A big four-run fourth inning sparked by a Rob Regish triple broke open a 2-2 tie and put Agawam on top for good. Regish had three RBI's and two hits. Angelo Puppulo had a triple as well and Steve Jarvis added two safeties. Rick Sheehan and Kasparian added an RBI each.

Agawam's first loss of the year came at the hands of Amherst just days later at Harmon Smith Field. Amherst won a close won, 4-3, limiting Agawam to just five hits.

Mutti allowed all of Amherst's four runs in the second inning and from there shut the door. Mutti ended with a six-hitter and whiffed three. He definitely deserved a better fate.

Agawam scored two runs in the second. Jerry Allen stroked a two-out double and later scored on an error by the Amherst third baseman. Tom King then ripped

an RBI single to cut Amherst's lead to 4-2.

Agawam picked-up another run in the fourth and could have made it more if it wasn't for a sparkling catch by Amherst's centerfielder. Jim Kasparian hit it a ton out in Harmon Smith Field's "Death Valley" (centerfield) but was robbed of a homerun to end the theat.

"Mutti pitched an excellent game for us. We just couldn't score the big runs," said Regish.

On Friday, June 27th, it a big game against Aldenville, the Zone leader, Agawam took it on the chin, 10-4, under the lights at Szot Park. Aldenville scored six runs in the fourth inning to erase Agawam's 2-1 lead.

Until the fourth, pitcher Jerry Allen had held Aldenville to just three hits. He then suffered control problems later in the game and was relieved by Mike Chausse.

Rob Regish and Ed Mutti combined for Agawam's three hits. "We lost because of too many walks and a lot of tough luck," said coach Regish.

However, on Sunday, June 29th, Agawam got back to the winner's circle with a 6-3 triumph over Westfield at Harmon Smith Field.

Pitcher Mike Chausse is now 2-0. Both of his outings were complete games. Agawam pulled another rabbit out of their hat as they came from behind in the bottom of the sixth to score four runs to bury Westfield.

In the sixth, B.J. Massoia reached first on a walking permit and then went to second on Bob Barbarini's pinch-hit single. Rob Regish then delivered a safety to right to tie it. With runners at the corner, Angelo Puppulo uncorked a triple to rightfield for two more runs.

Chausse went on to retire the meat of the Westfield order, which boasts three All-Western Mass. schoolboy players from this year, in the seventh frame, to preserve the victory.

Up until Agawam's game Monday night vs. Easthampton, here's how the hitting leaders looked: Regish, .448; Puppulo, .424; Allen, .370; Barbarini, .375; and Kasparian, .344.

Agawam Men's Softball Standings

(as of June 30th)

DIVISION A

| | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Village Lounge | 13-2 |
| State Auto Sales | 13-3 |
| Ramada Inn | 11-5 |
| Buccaneer Lounge | 9-7 |
| Feeding Hills Public Market | 8-6 |
| Showcase International | 7-10 |
| Tavern Inn | 6-9 |
| Scrubbers | 6-11 |
| Dante Club | 6-11 |
| Desi's Place | 1-16 |

DIVISION B NATIONAL

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Dillons Lounge | 15-1 |
| Bogeys | 13-4 |
| Agawam Moose Club | 10-6 |
| A.T.W. | 8-6 |
| Ad-It Security | 7-7 |
| Ken's Parking | 7-7 |
| Grimaldi Gamblers | 7-7 |
| Gino's Package Store | 7-9 |
| Buccaneer Lounge | 7-9 |
| John's Auto Body | 6-8 |
| Scoreboard Lounge | 6-10 |
| Jessica's Lounge | 6-10 |
| Combo Corners | 0-16 |

DIVISION B AMERICAN

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| Mushy's Place | 17-1 |
| Parrotta's Service Station | 13-4 |
| Ticket's Unlimited | 12-4 |
| Tri-County Sales | 10-6 |
| Jiffy Lube | 10-6 |
| Abbett Tax Service | 7-8 |
| Farm Credit Bank | 7-9 |
| Broadleaf Auto Sales | 5-13 |
| National Aerospace | 1-16 |
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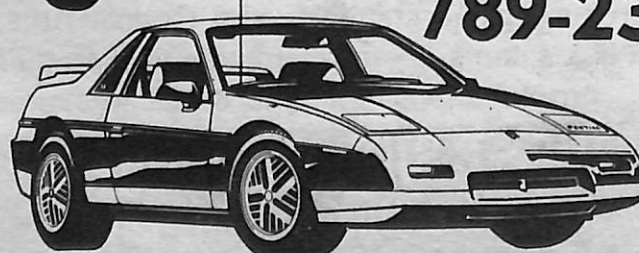
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B.G. Mech. Escapes With 7-6 Victory Over Agawam Auto Sales

by Todd Holt
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam Auto School Tri-County baseball team put-up a fierce struggle against Holyoke's B.G. Mechanical, Monday, June 30th, but found themselves on the losing end of a dramatic 7-6 battle at MacKenzie Field.

Agawam Auto, who has been receiving much respect from the rest of the Tri-County circuit recently despite a horrible start, put in a valiant effort against the Paper City league-leaders.

Auto pitcher Pat Herhily, who has two wins under his belt this season, pitched an excellent game, allowing seven B.G. hits.

"It was a tight game. They chipped away all night but we fought back with a big sixth inning," said coach Gerry Smith.

With Agawam down 7-4 in the sixth, strongman Bob Altobelli, who just finished his junior year at Agawam High School, sent a Pat Brennan fastball deep over the right centerfield fence for a two-run homer.

Altobelli, one of the youngest players in the league, also had an RBI single for a three RBI night. He has great strength and is considered one of the area's best schoolboy players.

Still, that was not enough as B.G. nursed their slim lead into the final inning and held on to keep the home crowd happy.

Agawam's Mike Burns pitched-in with a double to support the team's six-hit night.

Back on Friday, June 27th, Agawam played a 0-0 tie with Oliver Auto Body at Harmon Smith Field. Agawam picked-up a point with the tie, enabling them to move into a tie for fifth place with the Westfield Platers.

Billy Arnold threw an excellent game for Agawam as he limited Oliver to just four hits. Unfortunately, his offense couldn't produce him any runs as they could muster just five safeties.

Oliver sports a 5-9-1 record. Before the game with Oliver, Agawam didn't settle for anything but a win, Wednesday, June 25th, at Harmon Smith Field. Agawam edged Northampton, 8-7, on a throwing error in the last of the seventh.

Todd Ditmar sent 'Hamp home a loser after he walked and later scored the winning run on an overthrow to first base.

Kevin O'Keefe was an integral part of that inning as well. His clutch single kept the seventh inning rally alive.

Agawam was losing, 2-0 before they came to bat. They took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the first on Ron Wieners' smash for a homer.

After exchanging a pair of runs in the third, 'Hamp opened-up a four-run lead in the top of the fifth. Agawam answered right back with four of their own in the last of the fifth to make it 8-8.

The score remained the same until Ditmar came home with the winning run to make a winner out of pitcher Tom Hruske, who relieved starting pitcher Pat Herhily in the fifth. It was Hruske's first victory of the year.

Agawam was outlit, 9-6, but that didn't seem to bother Smith. "It was a real slugfest and we were fortunate to get the break in the end," said Smith.

Agawam (6-12-1) hosted O'Malley Printers at Harmon Smith Field, Wednesday, July 2nd.

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Eggleston Leads Showcase Over Desi's In 'A'

by Todd Holt
Advertiser News Sports Editor

In Division A action in the Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League, Monday, June 30th, at Borgatti Field, Desi's Place, who has been in last place for some time, lost another one to Showcase Entertainment (5-12), 8-6.

Moonballer Gary Eggleston pitched well for Desi's despite having only three outfielders behind him.

Coach Joe Halpy and Jim Joyce did the damage at the plate as they each collected a several hits each.

Don Wheeler was also alive and well with the bat as he ripped a triple for two RBI's. At presstime, Desi's was playing Dante Club at Shea's Field.

IN OTHER DIVISION A ACTION, Feeding Hills Public Market is hoping to return to early-season form after edging second place State Auto Sales, 2-1, in a tight one, Monday, June 30th, at Shea's Field.

Bob Kelly earned the win to improve his team's record to 9-6-1.

Dave Bovair, Bill Ferguson, Kelly, and Jimmy Hall all delivered key hits for Feeding Hills Public.

"While the offense was there, on the other side of the coin, our defense was awesome," boasted coach Brian Troie afterwards.

Joe Cabral started a 6-4-3 double play that killed State Auto's scoring threats in both the third and fifth inning.

Second baseman Fred Perry was the one turning in those double plays as well. Feeding Hills will play a two-night double-header, Monday, July 7th, against State Auto Sales and Buccaneer Lounge, the team

they're fighting with for fourth place, at Shea's Field. MEANWHILE, AT BORGATTI FIELD, Buccaneer Lounge lost a wild, 13-11 slugfest to third place Ramada Inn, at Borgatti Field. The Bucs are now 9-8 in the standings, good for fifth place, while Ramada upped its mark to a solid 12-5.

Coach Bob Fruwirth pitched four innings before giving himself the hook. He then assumed the catching duties while Bill Gamache took the hill.

Dave Lyons had a big night for the Bucs as he crushed a homer, two singles, collecting five RBI's. Darryl Fredette went 3-3 while Steve Kelley, Dan Fruwirth, Ken "Hawk" Menard, and Mike Morgan had two safeties each.

Fruwirth chipped in with two hits, including a triple.

Still, with all that offensive output, it seems the Bucs would be singing all the way back to the Buc Lounge. However, Ramada Inn, guided by Richard Michrovertz was more thirsty for those Bud Lites as they are looking to catch second place State Auto Sales, who was on the losing end of a 2-1 decision to Feeding Hills Public Market. First place Village Lounge was idle on Monday.

The Bucs were tied with Ramada going into the seventh but errors turned away victory from their grasps, allowing Ramada to get the important victory.

At presstime, the Bucs were to play Village Lounge. In two previous meetings, both games were cliff-hangers. The Bucs won the first, a chaotic 17-16 victory but lost the second meeting, 6-5 in extra-innings.

Tri-County Sales Stops Jiffy Lube To Grab 5th Place In "B"-Ball

by Todd Holt
Advertiser News Sports Editor

On Monday, June 30th, at Shea's Field, Jiffy Lube lost a tough, 13-10 decision to Tri-County Sales in Division B-American action at Shea's Field. The victory propelled Sales into sole possession of fourth place with an 11-6 record. The Lube fell to 10-7.

Jiffy Lube must have needed its oil changed because their motor stalled in the seventh when they were in the midst of a big comeback. As many players agreed, a quart of 10-40 Bud Lite would have done the trick.

Pete Clark pitched in long relief for Jiffy, while his teammates were forced to play catch-up all night.

Gene Flowers, Mark Mullen, and Bob Skelly were the top guns for the Lube at the plate. Craig Comer also did well as he connected for a triple and a pair of RBI's.

Down 13-7 in the last inning, the Lube staged a rally that Bob Skelly kept fueled with a clutch hit.

"Overall, it was a good hitting game for us. We did slip defensively and that cost us," said coach Don Skelly.

The Lube will be back in action vs. Tickets Unlimited, Thursday, July 3rd, at Ed Borgatti Field, before enjoying the Fourth of July break.

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Special Day Of Racing At Riverside Speedway Saturday, July 12th

It happens only once a year. It's a chance to take a look at the "Good Old Days" in motor sports racing. On Saturday, July 12th, Riverside Park Speedway, in association with NEAR, (New England Antique Racers), and ACOT (Atlantic Coast Old Timers), will present a special day of racing.

This annual event is designed to bring back the memories of auto racing from the 1940's, 1950's, and 1960's. The NEAR group is dedicated to preserving the history, memory, and comradeship of those racing days gone by. NEAR's purpose is to simply make people aware of how racing was started. The club wants to get people that used to be in racing out of their rocking chairs to remind everyone of the nostalgic past.

Riverside, beginning at noon for NEAR members, Saturday, July 12th, will be promoting two distinct classes of cars — antique cars, 25 years and older, and vintage cars, that haven't raced in the past five years. Riverside's meet will feature special mini-display match races, pit contest, and photos and information from yesteryear.

ACOT will be represented in the morning. As always, the NEAR club will be well-represented with club officers in attendance, like President and former Riverside Champion Buddy Krebs, Vice President and former NASCAR official Charlie Stebbins, just to name a few of the 250-plus members.

Cars expected are Happy Jensen's famed 179 Chevy Coupe; Je Ryan's X Ford; Chick Stockwell's famed 51 Coupe; Phil Tolisano's original XC-1, driven by Ted Stack, Bill Harmon, and Holly Wilder; Buddy Bardwell's famed 34 Coupe; and the Charlie Stebbins 204.

Other expected include The Jerry Yumiston 44; the Ken Bridge late Model 5, driven by Buddy Krebs; John Georgidias 87, Suffield Auto's famed 5 sedan; and the famed Al Fini's Redd Carr 1, driven by Rene Charland. Besides these cars, there will be midgets, sprinters, and much more.

NEAR members will also be the presenters of trophies to the winners. NEAR will also display the antique machines in a special parade lap. There will also be a celebrity match race event, plus a regular race program featuring the NASCAR Modifieds, Pro Stocks, and Streets. Please join Riverside Speedway for a trip down memory lane for NEAR night, Saturday, July 12th.

Budweiser 100 Set At Riverside For Holiday Weekend

The Budweiser King of Beers 100 purse approaches \$11,000 in posted awards for the Fourth of July weekend special. On Saturday, July 5th, at Riverside Park Speedway, the Nascar Winston Modifieds will be fighting for the big payoff.

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The Street Stocks will also be part of the program, running a 20-lap event. Top drivers include Dan Delena, Brian Crunden, Gary Fiormonti, Larry Vassar, Wayne Thrall, and Luke Scanlon. The Pro Stocks will not be featured in this event.

The biggest and best news is the race fans will only pay \$6.95 for admission to this special event.

Tavern Inn Explodes Past American Legion In Women's Softball

by Todd Holt
Advertiser News Sports Editor

In a recent slo-pitch softball game in Division A of the Agawam Women's Softball League, played at Harmon Smith Field, Tavern Inn knocked-off American Legion, the league frontrunners, 12-5. Tavern Inn is now 11-7 with the victory and find themselves in fourth place.

With the loss, Legion dropped to 14-5.

Hurler Kathy Florence pitched a solid game and the offense did the damage. "It was a real team effort. We have been really coming together as a team of late," said coach Nancy Cullen.

Karen Belniak smashed a homer in the fourth inning to put Tavern ahead, 5-4. Diane Kadzik had a triple and a few RBI's on the night as well.

Mary Merciere contributed several safeties as did Cullen, who had a three-hit night with two RBI's.

Lisa Robere went 4-4 a la Wade Boggs and came up with a diving catch in left centerfield to prevent two Legion runs from scoring.

Tavern's next game is at presstime, Wednesday, July 2nd, vs. Desi's Place.

In another Division A match-up, Polish Club overpowered the hapless Ranch House team, 9-2. Coach Linda Kunasek remarked the game was nothing more than a bore. "This one was definitely an easy one. All we had to do was show-up," said Kunasek.

Hopefully, Polish Club will have some stiffer competition on Wednesday, July 2nd, when it faced Village Lounge.

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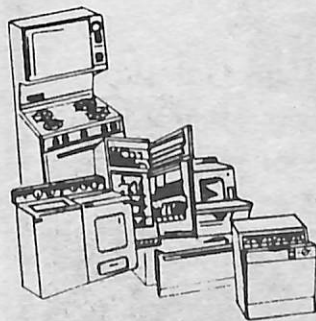


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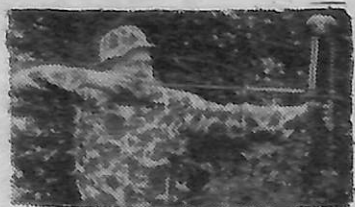
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The Massachusetts fishing industry is faced with several problems, including pollution and associated fish and shell-fish contamination, excessive fishing, and habitat loss and degradation.

In 1982, approximately 870,000 saltwater anglers fished Massachusetts waters. This compares with approximately 6,300 state licensed commercial fishermen in 1984.

In 1984, over 38,000 family permits were issued by cities and towns for shellfish, such as soft-shell clams, quahogs, and bay scallops. In addition, 11,158 permits were issued to recreational lobster fishermen. These figures give you an indication of the importance of the marine fisheries to the Commonwealth.

The problems facing the fisheries are not very encouraging, and steps must be taken immediately to curtail the decimation of the fisheries.

(1) There is a high prevalence (eight percent) of liver cancer and fin rot in Boston Harbor winter flounder; (2) Two types of lobster disease associated with a high level of pollution in Massachusetts Bay and Buzzards Bay; and (3) Higher than allowable PCB levels in lobster and finfish from the Acushnet River estuary.

Also, (4) Public fear of consuming fish with contaminant levels above standards leading to a common fear that all fish are unsafe; (5) A 28 percent increase in the amount of closed areas to shellfish harvesting on the South Shore and Southeastern Massachusetts, due to bacterial contamination; (6) A shellfish harvest closure of 6,781 acres on the North Shore and Boston Harbor; and (7) Bacterial contamination causing an annual loss of \$12.1 million in shellfish landings.

Also, (8) Pesticides used in the cranberry industry which are highly toxic to fish where the bogs drain into coastal areas; and (9) Acid rain affecting anadromous fish such as the striped bass.

The above facts are taken from a white paper

prepared by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, on the economic, environmental, and management problems facing the state commercial and recreational marine fisheries.

Striped Bass Fishery To Close

Robert A. Jones, director of Fisheries for the Department of Environmental Protection, has announced approval of amendments to fishing regulations prohibiting the possession on Connecticut waters or the bringing ashore in Connecticut, striped bass of any size. The amendments, effective July 1st, 1986 in both inland and marine waters, are intended to aid in the restoration of spawning stocks of striped bass of Chesapeake Bay origin.

There will also be a prohibition on the possession, anywhere in Connecticut, of striped bass less than 33 inch total length. "The reason for the 33 inch measure," Jones said, "is to require any striped bass, regardless of where taken, to meet the minimum conservation measure."

On April 1st, 1989, the new regulations will automatically revert to those in effect prior to July 1st, 1986, unless modified sooner.

Jones pointed out that fishermen may still fish for striped bass as long as the fish are released immediately upon capture, noting that while possession of striped bass is being prohibited, those fishermen do wish to "catch and release" their fish may do so.

Cape Report

In Cape Cod Bay, it is loaded with bluefish ranging from three to five pounds on the average, with a fair number of fish hitting 10 pounds or better.

In addition, trollers in the Bay are taking stripers on umbrella rigs, hoochy type lures, Bombers, and Rapala's new trolling plug, the Sliver.

Shore fishermen are finding Brewster flats good for blues, while Sunken Meadow Beach in North Eastham, as well as the mouth of the Pamet River, Truro, are producing both bass and blues.

In Pleasant Bay, there are plenty of three to five pound blues (with a sprinkling of larger fish smashing popping plugs at will). Small stripers are also plentiful, and a surprising number of keeper bass are being taken there, mostly on early dawn or night tides. Live eels are starting to produce some good catches, as is Captain Andy's big broken back swimmer.

Flounder fishing is slowing down at Town Cove at Orleans, except for small fish. Small stripers are abundant in the inlet, but are few in the keeper category.

Ag. Women's Softball Standings

(as of June 30th)

DIVISION A

W.S. Legion
Buccaneer Red
Village Lounge
Desi's Place
Tavern Inn
Buccaneer Gold
Agawam Polish Club
Ranch House

14-4
14-4
12-5
11-6
11-7
6-11
3-15
0-18

DIVISION B

Supreme Courts
Southworth Paper
Village Lounge
B.T. Express
Elbow Lounge
Bad News Bears
Dirty Louie's
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9-6-1
9-7
8-6
6-10
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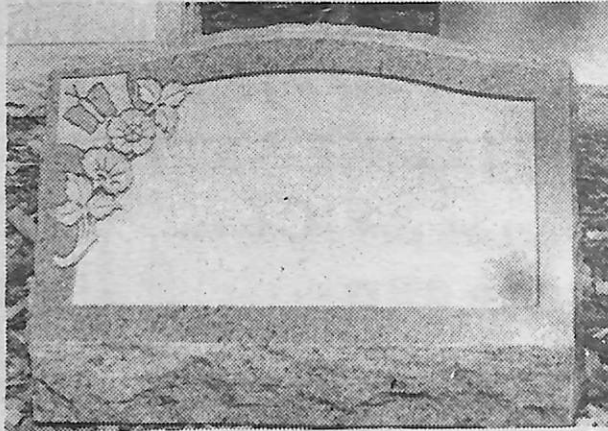
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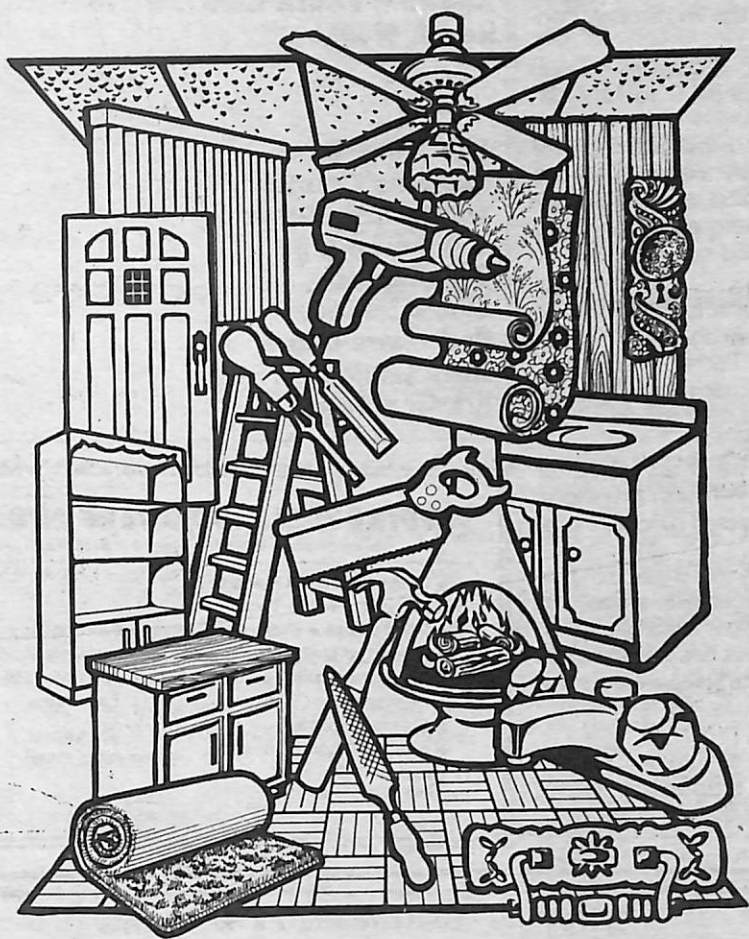
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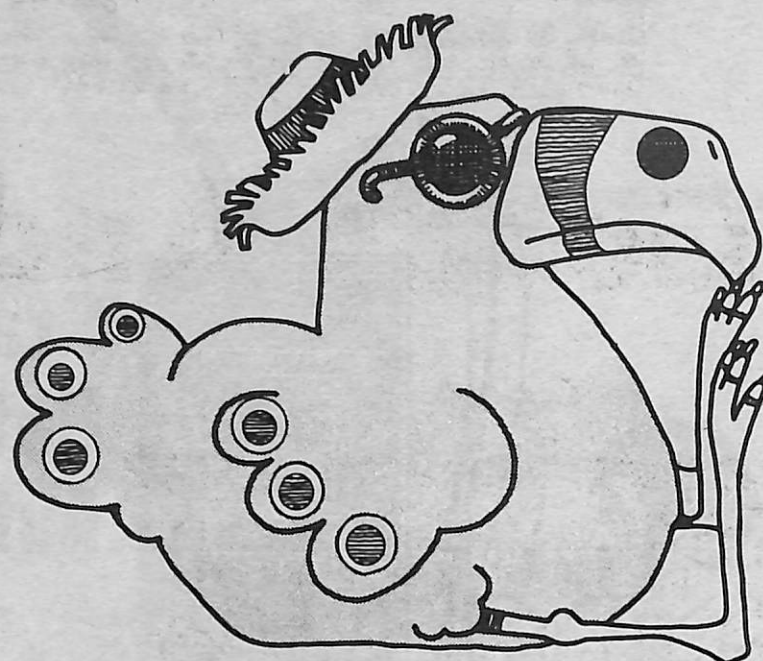
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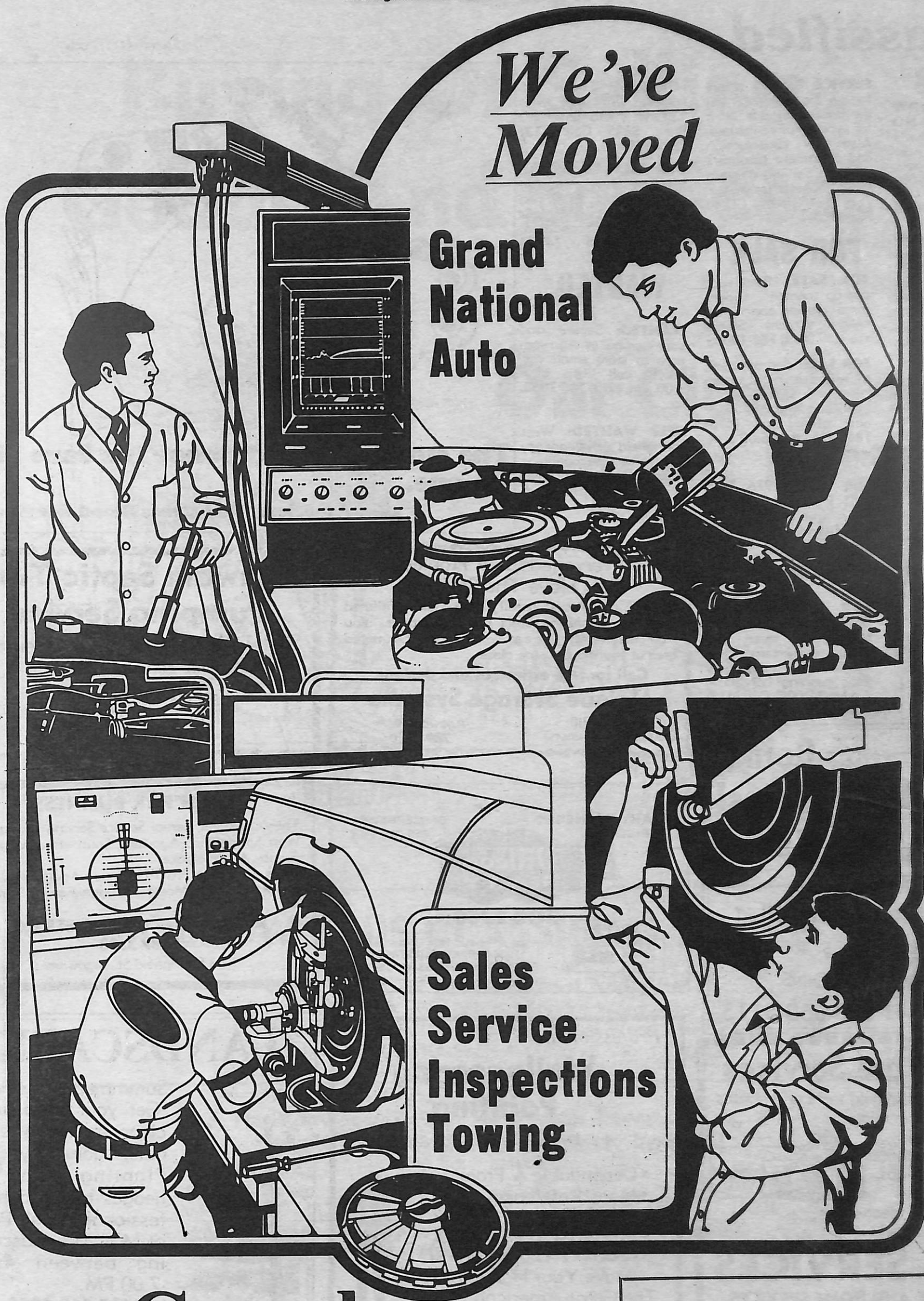
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